

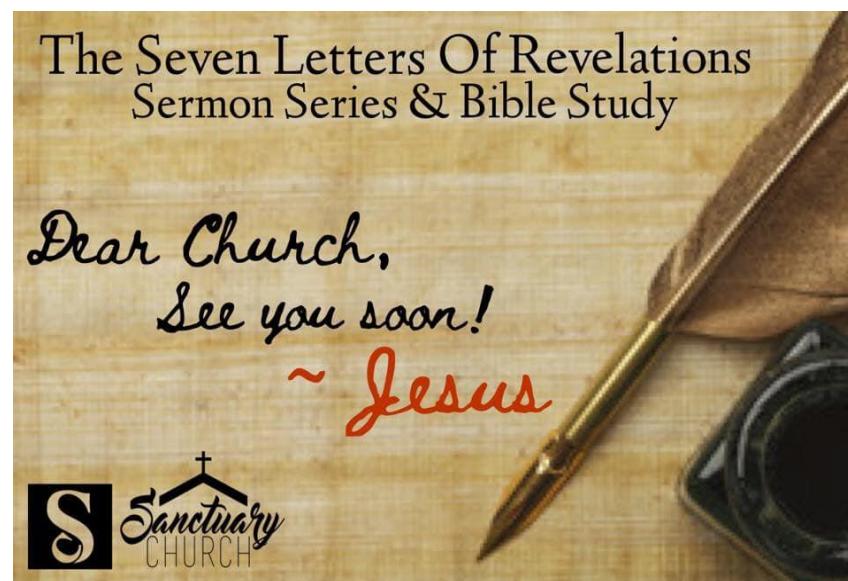
- a. Every believer can find conditions of their current spiritual life in one if not all of the letters. This speaks to the all-knowing nature of our Savior.
- b. The letters were not intended to be insults, but rather "love" letters designed to restore and encourage.
- c. Jesus gave information and warning so that each of us can be prepared and effective in our witness, and evaluate our spiritual condition.

3. In John's vision of Jesus, we can establish truth.

- a. Revelation 1:9-20
- b. White Hair- Wisdom, divine nature
- c. Bright Eyes- judgement of evil.
- d. Gold Sash- reveals Him as High Priest who has authority to forgive all sins.
- e. Bronze Feet- He is a firm foundation

In preparation for Sunday's Message-

Read Revelation 2:1-7



Study Guide

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Series Introduction

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Introductory Lesson

Main Text: Revelation 1:1-20

Message: A Savior Who Cares about Us!

1. Revelation was written by John the Revelator.

- a. This is not the same guy as John the Baptist.
- b. John the Revelator is also believed to be John the Beloved Disciple, half-brother of Jesus.
- c. John was a disciple, evangelist, and outcast who had his deepest spiritual experience during the darkest moments of his life, while exiled on the Greek island of Patmos.
- d. Patmos was deceiving. It looked appealing but in reality was a brutal, desolate place with no provisions.
- e. Have you ever been on "Patmos"?
- f. Sometimes in the abandoned, lonely places of life we find our greatest connection with the Lord. (Gen 50)

2. He was instructed directly by an angel to write down the words of a direct message from Jesus.

- a. Revelation differs from other Bible books in that it is not the observations of man, but rather the direct instruction of Jesus to his followers.
- b. Jesus dictated a series of letters to seven individual churches in Asia.
 - i. This Asia wasn't the Asia we know today; it was Asia Minor, which resided in the modern day nation of Turkey.
- c. These letters were meant to be both literal (to the actual churches) and figurative (for all churches in the future).
- d. "Church" is defined as all who call Jesus Savior.

3. Revelation is intended as warning and information; both of which will benefit the modern church.