



Resources

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Revelation 1:4-8

[4] John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood [6] and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **[7] Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. [8] "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

Sermon Outline:

1. Superscript (1-3)
2. The Salutation (4-5a)
3. The Doxology (5b-6)
4. The Purpose (7-8)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- What were your main takeaways from this week's sermon on Revelation 1:7-8?
- Pastor Scott said that the focal point of the entire book of Revelation is the return of Christ. "Behold, he is coming with the clouds." Before this sermon series began, what did you focus on in the book of Revelation? When you thought of Revelation, what was the first thing that came to mind?
- Pastor Scott shared a provocative quote from John Piper. Would you be satisfied with heaven if you had all the material blessings you could imagine (reunion with loved ones, riches, comfort, joy, etc.) but didn't have Christ? How did you respond to that? Were you convicted? Does this change the way that you think of heaven?
- Have you ever said something like, "I cannot wait for Jesus to return, but not until _____."? What does this reveal about your priorities?
- When have you most longed for the return of Christ? What was going on in your life that made you yearn for his return? Have there ever been long seasons when you barely thought of the return of Christ? What was going on in your life to make you neglect his return?
- We saw this week that the "prosperity gospel" trains people to look at the present rather than the future return of Christ. How can prosperous Christians not get caught up in their wealth, but continue to hope for the return of Christ? (See 1 Timothy 6:17-19 for a helpful discussion on this).
- In verse 7, John reminds us that when Jesus returns with the clouds, every eye will see him. When that day comes, *it will be too late* to cry out in mercy, so the people will wail on account of him. Did this text make you think of any of your unsaved friends or family? Take some time with your life group to pray that specific people would respond to the grace of Jesus before it is too late.
- In verse 8, God says that he is the Alpha & the Omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet). He *is*, he *was*, and he *will come*. There is nothing outside of the sovereignty of God. Does it ever feel like the universe is chaotic or unpredictable? How does this truth about God comfort you? How does this speak into a current struggle you are facing?

