

The End

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Revelation.
- B. All revelation is aimed at maturing the believer. (Ephesians 4:11-13)
- C. Revelation is the book where all the great threads of doctrine come together.
- D. There is a special blessing reserved for those who read Revelation.
- E. Revelation is a preview of the course of history starting with John's day until now.

II. The message of Revelation. (Revelation 22:5)

- A. Jesus is God. History is Jesus' story.
- B. Revelation shows us who we really are.
 - 1. We need to know how things will end even if we are not in the end because the mystery of iniquity is already at work.
 - 2. God's method is to let history run its course to show men who they really are.
 - 3. At the end of history, two classes of humanity will be revealed: those who followed the light and those who rejected it.
- C. There is a present offer of grace.
 - 1. Christ is the hope to which we can cling.
 - 2. The message of the church is simply to come to Christ.

III. The return of Christ guarantees the message of Revelation.

Application questions:

1. Read John 1. How does the apostle John show in this chapter that Jesus is God as he does in the book of Revelation?

2. Why is it so critical to understand who we really are?

3. Christians often can make the gospel complex. What are the critical elements of the good news the believer must communicate and know?
