

Blessings and Benefits of Revelation Notes

Revelation 1:3-8

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Main Point: Jesus Christ, the risen and returning King, frees us to live faithfully in a world that opposes Him.

Passages Read: Revelation 1:3-8, 12-18, 4:1-6, 5:1-5, 6:12-17, 7:9-12, 14:14-16

The Promise (Revelation 1:3)

1. _____
 - Can be defined as “God’s active favor and life-giving goodness given to people, leading to peace, joy, well-being, fruitfulness, and right relationship with Him.
2. _____
 - It was common to have someone read the Scriptures aloud in Jewish and Christian worship because copies of God’s Word were scarce and many people were _____.
 - We are to “devote yourself to the _____ reading of Scripture” (I Timothy 4:13).
3. _____
 - The word “hear” means “to hearken with _____.”
 - Hearing is the ability of the ear; listening is the posture of the _____.
4. _____
 - To “keep” refers to, “watching, obeying, and _____.”
 - The idea is to continue to _____ orders (Psalm 119:4).
5. The time is near.
 - Because the return of Christ is close at hand, it should _____ how we live.
 - The question is not when Jesus will return but what will we _____ before He gets here?

The Peace

1. You and I can experience peace with the triune God because of His grace, and we can exhibit the peace of God when faced with _____.
2. John was one of the twelve disciples, and he served as pastor of the church at Ephesus.
3. John begins with “grace,” which refers to God’s _____ favor.
4. “Peace” is the state of _____ well-being that follows as a result.
5. Both grace and peace come from God the Father, God the Holy Spirit, and God the Son.
 - Jesus was the first to be raised to _____ die again.

- The word “firstborn” means, “the _____ one.”
6. Three things that Jesus has done for us.
- He _____ us.
 - This is in the present tense, meaning His love is constant and _____.
 - God’s love is not increased by our obedience nor diminished by our sin.
 - He _____ us from our sins by His blood.
 - The word “freed” is in the past tense, and means, “to _____, untie, and unbind.”
 - He made us a kingdom, _____ to His God and Father.
 - He has given us a new priestly _____ (Exodus 19:6, Revelation 20:6).

The Power (Revelation 1:7)

1. Behold
 - Means “to _____ through sight, to peer, to spy out, to gaze intently upon, to observe fully.”
 - It’s variously translated as “Look! See! Pay attention! Take notice! Don’t miss this!”
 - It is designed to grab attention and to signal that what follows is _____, surprising, and worthy of reflection.
2. We are to behold Jesus “is coming with the _____...”
 - This is not a reference to fluffy cumulus clouds, but to the visible manifestation of God’s _____ (Daniel 7:13, Exodus 19:9, Exodus 13:21, Matthew 17:5, Acts 1:9, Revelation 1:7).
3. When Jesus came the first time, only a few noticed: when He comes again, “_____ eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him...”
 - This is a fulfillment of a prophecy found in Zechariah 12:10.
 - In Zechariah, mourning led to repentance; here mourning will lead to _____.
4. In verse 8, God declares His _____: “I am the Alpha and the Omega.”
 - Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, forming a merism, which is a figure of speech that uses opposites to emphasize the _____.
 - He is also called “The Almighty,” a title meaning _____ over all things.

Passages Read: Revelation 19:1-2, 11-16, 20:11-15, 21:3-8, 22:17-21