



**GROW
IN
GRACE**
NEWSLETTER

Volume 44, No. 32, August 8, 2017 / Southside Baptist Church & Christian School / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / The Grow in Grace Newsletter **is a weekly Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."***

GOD SENT REVIVAL FIRES FROM THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST!

AS CHRISTIANS, our great need is TRUST in our Lord Jesus Christ; and LOVING LOYALTY and OBEDIENCE to Christ, while ever being on guard against many enemies without and within! **Through the aged Apostle John**, exiled and imprisoned, the Holy Spirit gave **The REVELATION— which is the UNVEILING OF JESUS as He is today!** In this grand unveiling of JESUS, we are given much to HEED and much to OBEY! Encouragingly, we are clearly shown that no matter how bad the storms get on planet earth— JESUS IS STILL THE GREAT CAPTAIN of the good 'ship' earth! The risen, ascended, ruling from heaven King of Kings and LORD OF Lords will accomplish all of the Great Triune God's good purposes!

A WAKE-UP CALL: We are kidding ourselves if we think that we can

STAND FIRM in the midst of the present and coming 'storms' IF WE ARE NOT DEEPLY GROUNDED in the Unveiling of Jesus AS HE IS TODAY!

BY THE WAY: Please do not EVER AGAIN slander the Holy Spirit, the ultimate Author, **by claiming that The Unveiling of Jesus is HARD to understand and SCARY!** The truth is that the primary messages of The Revelation are exceedingly PLAIN to see and the primary truth of the book is MOST COMFORTING!

IT WILL HELP to remember that the first recipients of The Revelation were TRIBULATION saints! **God used John, a saint in great tribulation and persecution, to pen The Revelation!** (Revelation 1:9) Historically, the Revelation has been and is a great source of comfort to persecuted saints. And since, *"all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"* — then, if I am living godly I am an especially good candidate for great blessings from The Revelation! **The Revelation IS scary to** satan, demons, and all other haters of God! **Doubtless,** Satan does not want saints to enter into the profound comfort and instruction that God has in The Unveiling of Jesus! **Moreover, let all saints BEWARE** of heeding our deceitful flesh that hates the corrections and the commands found in The Revelation!

CRITICAL KEYS to great profit from The Revelation:

1. Remember that this last book of the Bible was FIRST OF ALL written to persecuted Christians, **who needed** some encouragement, **who needed** to know that JESUS and not Rome was in command, **who needed** commendations, commands, and corrections.

2. PLACE YOURSELF IN THE MIND-SET of one of those FIRST CHRISTIANS

to receive The Revelation. Family members and other fellow saints were MISSING. They were not AWOL. No, they had been fed to the lions... or maybe banished like the Apostle John to slave labor on the isle of Patmos. Rome was MIGHTY. The saints were becoming fearful. Some were wondering if they were but fools. Some were already tolerating sin and apostasy. (Revelation 2-3) But at just the right moment, ALMIGHTY GOD INVADED the isle of Patmos by the Holy Spirit and moved John's pen! And when The Revelation was completed, some how, God got the letter to the churches.

Can't you just imagine, the persecuted saints at Ephesus, meeting in secret... and a 'runner' comes in... and they are startled and wonder, "Is he a spy?" No, he proves his credentials... He has just left the aged pastor/Apostle John and likely reported something like, *"I have in my hand a scroll that God has given to John to give to the churches!"* Amazed and excited, they listened as the entire Unveiling of JESUS was read! I AM CONVINCED that by the time the last 'AMEN' of the Revelation was read — well, words cannot capture the joy, the excitement, the hope, the repenting, THE REVIVAL that took place!

PLEASE, if you have never done this— read The Revelation STRAIGHT THROUGH IN ONE SETTING... and WITH THE MIND-SET of those who first heard it read!

Let us so prayerfully READ, so seek to HEAR, and so commit to OBEY the things written in The Revelation— *That WE TOO WILL ENTER INTO A NEW DAY OF JOY, EXCITEMENT, HOPE, REPENTING... in other words— GOD SENT REVIVAL!*

FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE OF THE REVELATION to aid in grasping the story flow of the book. We may quibble over some of the details of the outline, but at the very least, it should be of help is SEEING JESUS!!

I. THE PRESENT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LAMB IN HEAVEN, Rev. 1-5

Christ is in Heaven working through His church on earth:

- A.** Christ – risen, glorified, and in the midst of His churches (chapter 1)
- B.** Christ – commanding, correcting, and instructing His church (chapters 2-3)
- C.** The Throne of Deity and the Occupation of Heaven – WORSHIP (chapter 4)
- D.** Christ in the Midst of the Throne and RULING (chapter 5)

Three ways in which we are to view the worthiness of the Lamb:
 (1) The Conqueror of Satan; (2) The Redeemer of Men; (3) The Incarnation of God

II. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LAMB ON EARTH, Chapters 6-19

All things are moving toward Christ's enthronement on earth for His millennial reign: (11:15; 19:6) **He** reigns (10:6); **He** rules (19:15); **He** restrains (20:1-3); **He** rewards – and those of the first resurrection reign with Him (20:4-6).

A. Revelation 6 – Seals 1-6 1. Jesus OPENING seals; in SOVEREIGN control over all coming EVENTS – The restraints of God are released; and the wrath of Satan against those whom he can't deceive! (Seals 1-5)

Seal 1 – White Horse – Imitator (Revelation 6:2; Matthew 24:5)

Seal 2 – Red Horse – War (Revelation 6:3-4; Matthew 24:6-7)

Seal 3 – Black Horse – Famine (Revelation 6:5-6; Matthew 24:7)

Seal 4 – Pale Horse – Pestilence (Revelation 6:7-8; Matthew 24:7)

Seal 5 – Great Tribulation (Revelation 6:9-11; Matthew 24:9-28)

2. Heavenly signs and wonders – God’s first phase of direct intervention.

Seal 6 – Heavenly signs – (Revelation 6:12-17; Matthew 24:29)

B. Revelation 7 – Preservation and Deliverance of the 144,000 and the numberless Multitude: God protected Israel when He poured out the plagues on ancient Egypt. So He shall protect all His redeemed children from the plagues of wrath about to come on the present evil world... but not necessarily from satan/Babylon’s wrath. Regardless of whatever else might be said of these redeemed MULTITUDES, this much is sure— they are all saved, servants, and saints of God! (Revelation 7:3; 9-17)

C. Revelation 8-19 – The Seventh Seal consists of Seven Trumpets and Seven Last Plagues. The Great Day of the Lord includes all the trumpets. Six blow prior to Christ’s return.

1. Revelation 8 – Trumpets 1-4

2. Revelation 9 - **a.** 5th trumpet, or first woe (9:1-11) **b.** 6th trumpet, or second woe (9:12 - 11:13)

c. before third woe: Two Witnesses, last 3 ½ years, God’s final warning before the last trumpet.

3. Revelation 11: 15-18 - **Seventh and last trumpet— the time of Christ’s literal, bodily return to earth has come!** (See also I Corinthians 15:52, I Thessalonians 4:16, Matthew 24:31) NOTE: The seventh trumpet also consummates the wrath of God against evil. The seventh trumpet is made up of seven last plagues completing the wrath of God, described in Revelation 15-16.

4. Revelation 12 - An inset chapter. The story thread is stopped and we go back prior to Christ's birth (12:4); through His resurrection and ascension (12:5); and on through the activity of Satan against God's redeemed people to the present (12:12, 17).

5. Revelation 13 - An inset chapter about the activity of Satan and the anti-Christ in the last days and during the 5th and 6th trumpets.

6. Revelation 14 - An inset chapter where three angel messengers speak of the fall of Babylon through the time of the seven last plagues, plus a warning against taking the mark of the beast.

7. Revelation 15-16 - Description of the seven last plagues (vials or bowls) which are part of the seventh trumpet, the third woe. These are God's judgments against God-hating men.

8. Revelation 17-18 - Inset chapters about the great governmental and economic and religious system of Babylon and God's judgments against them, including the last seven plagues.

9. Revelation 19 - **The second coming of Jesus to earth described further:**

a. This happens at the seventh and last trumpet. (Revelation 11:15-18)

b. On that day all God's people - the saved of all ages - meet Christ in the air and come on with Him to Jerusalem. God's children, now in immortal spirit bodies are also now rewarded. (See Revelation 11:18, 22:12)

c. On that day, also, God's wrath as pictured with the seven last plagues begins to take place and is possibly administered in a 24-hour period. (Revelation 18:8; Zechariah 14:7; 14:1-9)

d. On that day (Revelation 11:15-18, 19:15-21, Zechariah 14:1-9), the evil nations (having probably spent months in previous preparation) will,

under the anti-Christ's leadership (Revelation 16:13-15) gather at Armageddon to fight against Christ. The results - Revelation 19:14-21.

NOTE: The PRIMARY point of all these chapters is the UNVEILING of the work of the Lamb of God; the revelation of JESUS being sovereign over all; and totally SUFFICIENT! The Lamb pours out His holy wrath on the wicked; and the Lamb protects His redeemed saints!

III. THE ETERNAL ENTHRONEMENT OF THE LAMB ON THE "NEW EARTH", Chapters 20-22. Jesus is Lord! Yet He remains the Lamb! His Calvary love will never, never be forgotten!

1. Revelation 20 - Satan bound; the millennium, and final judgment!
2. Revelation 21-22 - New heaven and New Earth!

COME LORD JESUS! Grace to all in Christ! / James /

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

MONDAYS: Jail Ministry— First and Second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Questions? Contact Mike Munday at 615-681-7533

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at 5:30PM.

WEDNESDAYS: → 6:30pm— Children Ministry/activities; → 6:30pm— Youth Activities and Bible Study— (Enter via double doors by gym)

→ **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE...** Come in side entrance, iron steps... meet in Ladies Sunday School Room

***** LADIES BIBLE STUDY—** Studies in the Gospel of Luke! **[Luke 10] ...**

Cindy Bell, teaching. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, August 22, 2017 @**

11:00am.

LOCATION: DRIVE IN FROM JOSLIN OR HAWKINS AVENUE!

Park at the BACK of church, come in DOUBLE DOORS under the AWNING... **Door will be UNLOCKED by 10:30am... and locked back at 11:10am**

MEN: EVERY SATURDAY MORNING @ 8am: Men's Fellowship/Bible Study! *{STUDYING the Epistle of SECOND John}* AT THE back of Church building... Come in under the drive-thru awning, walk forward, coffee & biscuits WAITING!

Sunday Services: August 13, 20, 27:

***** AUGUST 13—**

9:30am - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship Service

Noon MEAL 1:00pm, Early Afternoon Service

***** AUGUST 20 — 9:30am** - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship Service & **LORD'S SUPPER**

NO Noon MEAL; NO 1:00pm Service

5:00PM-7:00PM— HOME GROUPS

***** AUGUST 27**

— 9:30am - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship Service

Noon MEAL

1:00pm, Early Afternoon Service

5:30PM-7:30PM— FAITHFUL MEN, 16 Concepts of a New Testament Church