

Revelation 1:1-8
Jesus Revealed

The Purpose of His Revelation (1-3)

To show what will soon happen (Mark 13:32-37) **it can happen any time, are we ready?**

To make known to His servants: (Amos 3:7) **God has revealed His plan to us.**

His Word (II Timothy 3:15 / Psalm 119:105 / Isaiah 55:11) **to save and guide us**

His Testimony (Luke 22:19-20 / John 10:38) **He died for us – will we believe?**

To bring us blessing – **blessing upon blessing, grace upon grace (John 1:16)**

By hearing His message (Romans 10:17) **to lead and grow us in faith**

By taking to heart what is written (Psalm 1:1-3) **listen to the counsel of His Word**

To prepare us – the time is at hand (I Corinthians 15:51-52 / Luke 21:28 / Colossians 3:1-4)
In whom have we put our trust? Fix your eyes upon Jesus.

The Person of His Revelation (4-6)

Revealed through John (John 20:31) **that we might believe**

Given to the 7 churches (literal – representative – prophetic)

Grace (His gift) & Peace (Our result) (John 14:27) **His peace given to us**

Revealing the Godhead (I Corinthians 12:4-6 / II Corinthians 13:14) **our Triune God**

The Father

Who is (present) – was (past) – and is to come (future)

Who is the eternal One – the I AM (Psalm 90:2)

The Spirit – 7-fold Spirit (Isaiah 11:2)

The Son – Jesus Christ

The faithful witness (I Timothy 6:13) **Are we a faithful witness for Him?**

The firstborn from the dead (I Corinthians 15:21-23) **resurrected body**

The RULER of the kings of the earth (Revelation 3:14; 19:16) **King of kings!**

Revealing His purpose for us

To love us (I John 3:1 / John 3:16 / I Peter 1:20)

To free us from our sins (John 8:34-36) **true freedom – ability to do what is right**

To make us to be a kingdom (I Peter 2:9-10) **We will reign with Him**

To make us His priests: to serve His God and Father **What a privileged role is ours**

To bring Him glory – forever and ever (Isaiah 42:8) **He alone is worthy!**

The Power of His Revelation (7-8)

Seen by ALL (Matthew 24:27 / Luke 17:24) **All will one day bow before Him (Phil. 2:9-11)**

Sorrow to ALL

Those who caused His suffering (Acts 9:4-5) **and those who persecuted His church**

Those who rejected Him (II Thessalonians 1:5-9) **no hope apart from the gospel**

Sovereign over ALL – Jesus is God! (John 8:58) **He is sovereign over me**

The Alpha and Omega (John 1:1 / Romans 8:38-39) **nothing will separate us from Him**

The Eternal One (Psalm 90:2 / Hebrews 13:8 / Deuteronomy 33:26-27)

The Almighty (Psalm 145:3 / Jude 24-25) **He is able (Ephesians 3:20)**

Discussion questions for Revelation 1:1-8

How does this passage describe the God whom we serve? (II Corinthians 13:14 / Genesis 21:33 / I Thessalonians 5:23-24 / Revelation 19:16 / Psalm 145:3 / Revelation 22:13)

He is the triune God – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is eternal – without beginning and without end. He is faithful – He always accomplishes His purpose, and He has purposed great things for us. He is the King of kings – all authority belongs to our Sovereign Lord (He will rule!) He is the Almighty – there is no limit to His power and might. He is the beginning and the end – everything comes from Him.

Why is it important for us to know Him? How does knowing these things impact our lives?

(Exodus 20:18-23; 34:6-7 / John 17:3 / Isaiah 44:19-22) ***He is to be feared – we will all give an account to Him. (This is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge) He is a loving, compassionate, and forgiving God. (Yet He will punish those who refuse His love) He desires a relationship with us – this is what it means to have eternal life. (John 5:24) We must acknowledge that He is God, and we are not. We must not turn to idols or trust our own hearts, but full trust in Him (Proverbs 3:5-6) We must always return to Him, for He alone can redeem and restore our lives.***

What is God's purpose for those who call upon His name?

(I John 3:1) – ***to know His love, that we might respond in obedience to Him***

(Galatians 5:1, 5-6, 13) – ***to know His freedom, that we might live righteously before Him***

(I Peter 2:9-10) – ***to be a part of His kingdom, living as His servants and ambassadors***

(Revelation 1:6) – ***to serve as His priests as we minister to others***

(I Corinthians 10:31) – ***to bring His glory in every aspect of our lives***

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