

The Apocalypse: Now
Rev.1:1-8

- 0.0 Introduction – A story of a simple request...
- 1.0 Revelation Presents Jesus Christ (1:1-2)
 - 1.1 The revelation (*apokalypsis*) of Jesus Christ
 - 1.2 One reveals what has been hidden, obscure or unseen
 - 1.3 “Whom God gave to us” (Jn.1:1-18; 3:16)
 - 1.4 Based on what John says he saw (in heaven; v.2)
- 2.0 Revelation Blesses Believers (1:3-5)
 - 2.1 Blessing involves two things...
 - 2.2 “Blessed are those who read and hear” (v.3)
 - 2.3 “Grace & peace to youns” (v.4)
 - 2.4 From God “The One being, the One He-was, and the One Coming” (v.4)
 - 2.5 And from Jesus Christ....” (v.5)
- 3.0 Revelation Uses Metaphoric Language (1:4)
 - Seven churches...seven Spirits”
- 4.0 Revelation Points Toward Redemption (1:6-7)
 - 4.1 What believers have become (v.6)
 - 4.2 “Look...with clouds” (v.7; e.g. Ps.104:3; Dan.7:13)
 - 4.3 “Every eye will see him....”(v.7)
- 5.0 Getting a Grip on Revelation
 - 5.1 The Apocalypse is about Jesus (1:1a), not...
 - 5.2 Hold tight to what you know confidently.
 - 5.3 Revelation is Trinitarian (1:1,4,5,7).
 - 5.4 Many questions unanswered, but more are confirmed.
 - 5.5 Grace and peace for *you*, faithful believer (1:3,4).

Forthcoming: (Sept.8) – “Visions at Patmos” – Rev.1:9-20
(Sept.15) – “The Other Letter to Ephesus” – Rev.2:1-7