



Title | Mindful of Things to Come
Series | Good to Go
Text | Revelation 1:1-8
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Sermon Notes

Revelation 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ESV

Big Idea:

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Revelation 1:1-3. From verse 3, what does it mean to read and keep what is written? What does it mean to be blessed? What is the promise of this verse? How can you experience it?

Tuesday:

Read Revelation 1:4-5a. How do the terms, “grace” and “peace” summarize the Christian experience? From these verses, identify and describe the three persons of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit as the three-fold source of grace and peace. Why does the writer, John, mention all three in this way? How can you respond?

Wednesday

Read the last part of Revelation 1:5 and all of 1:6, the doxology that begins with “To him.” Identify all the blessings that come to us from Jesus. How can you be mindful of them, taking them to heart, applying them to your life?

Thursday:

Revelation 1:7. What is going to happen in the future? The emphasis here is on the experience of those who have rejected Jesus who will wail. Why will they wail? As a believer, how is this relevant for you, and how is it connected to your God-given role as priest from verse 6?

Friday:

Read 1:8. What does the Lord mean by what he says? What difference does this make in your life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to be mindful of things to come that I may experience the promised blessing of Revelation 1:3. Thank you that you are in control both today and tomorrow. Amen.

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