

Hope ReImagined

Revelation 1:1-8

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Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

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Revelation 1: ¹The 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."

Table Discussion Questions:

1. Before this morning, what was your impression of the book of Revelation? What do you hope to gain personally from our time together on Tuesday mornings?
2. Is there a particular area of your life where you really need a heavenly perspective (perhaps where it's easy to lose sight of God's presence, authority, and grace)? What is it and why?
3. What are some examples of strong cultural images present in our world today?
4. How do those images shape our hearts and desires (surely advertisers know what they're doing, right!)? Why do we as Christians need cleansed and renewed imaginations? Where do you think this is most urgent?
5. What role does hope play in our lives? How does hope (or a lack of hope) express itself in your life personally?
6. Why is it so important to remember that John wants primarily to reveal Jesus to us?