



W E L C O M E

— THE STUDY OF —
REVELATION

WHICH IS, WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME

Welcome!

Love is
Patient
Love is kind
IT DOES NOT ENVY
it does not boast
it is not proud
LOVE IS NOT RUDE OR SELFISH
it cannot be easily angered
LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS
always trusts
always
hopes
always perseveres
Love never fails
1 CORINTHIANS 13



~ All Church Christmas Auction ~
Friday December 3rd
6 pm. - CCC Fellowship Hall

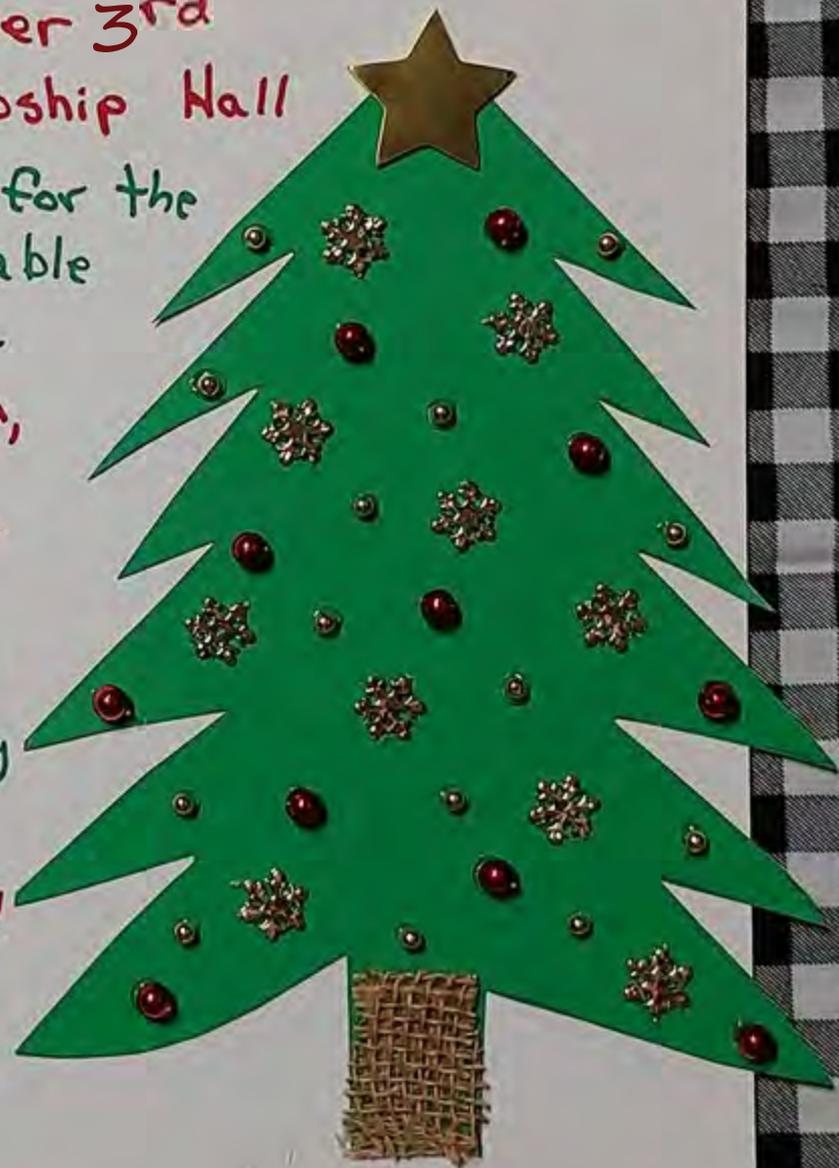
Bring finger food for the meal. Drinks and table service furnished...

Bring a craft item, baked item, new or gently used item for the auction...

All monies raised will go to a needy family in our community...

ALWAYS a FUN TIME!

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2 Peter 3: 10-13 (NKJV)

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

2 Peter 3: 10-13 (NKJV)

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

2 Peter 3: 10-13 (NKJV)

because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 22: 1 (NASB)

*And he showed me a river of the
water of life, clear as crystal,
coming from the throne of God
and of the Lamb,*

Revelation 22: 2 (NASB)

in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22: 3 (NASB)

There will no longer be any curse;
*and the throne of God and of the
Lamb will be in it, and His bond-
servants will serve Him;*

Question?

What is this curse?

Genesis 3: 14-19

Genesis 3: 14-19 (NASB)

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all the livestock, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life;

Genesis 3: 14-19 (NASB)

*And I will make enemies
Of you and the woman,
And of your offspring and her
Descendant,
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise Him on the
heel."*

Genesis 3: 14-19 (NASB)

To the woman He said,

"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you shall deliver children;
Yet your desire will be for your
husband,
And he shall rule over you."

Genesis 3: 14-19 (NASB)

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

*Cursed is the ground because of you;
With hard labor you shall eat from it
All the days of your life.*

Genesis 3: 14-19 (NASB)

*Both thorns and thistles it shall
grow for you; Yet you shall eat the
plants of the field; By the sweat of
your face You shall eat bread,
Until you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And to dust you shall return."*

There will no longer be any curse

This is telling us there will be no more pain, no more child birth, no more laboring and toil, no more satan, no more death and no more sin!

Revelation 22: 4 (NASB)

they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

This will be a great honor to see the face of God. Moses wanted to do this, but was only able to see God's back.

Exodus 33: 18-23 (NASB)

Then Moses said, "Please, show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion to whom I will show compassion."

Exodus 33: 18-23 (NASB)

He further said, "You cannot see My face, for mankind shall not see Me and live!" Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock;

Exodus 33: 18-23 (NASB)

and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Revelation 22: 4 (NASB)

*they will see His face, and His
name will be on their foreheads.*

Question?

Do you think you will have God's
name on your forehead?

Most commentators agree that this is a reference to ownership more than an actual mark. It is possible for it to be some type of seal, mark, sign or halo but it could also simply mean that you are identified as being one of God's children.

Revelation 22: 6 (NASB)

And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

Question

What does this mean to you?

This is telling us that the events described by John in Revelation will happen. These words are Truth. We will one day see these events unfold and will be looking into the face of God in paradise for all eternity with no pain, no sorrow, no death and only pure joy and worship of God!

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Question?

Who are his bond-servants?

We are. Again this is reassuring us that this will happen, although the judgement will be terrible for those who Christ does not know, it will be a time of great joy and excitement for us as Christians. Everyone needs to make sure that their names are written in the Lambs Book of Life!

Revelation 22: 7 (NASB)

*"And behold, I am coming quickly.
Blessed is the one who keeps the
words of the prophecy of this
book."*

Question?

How do you keep the words of
the prophecy found in the Book of
Revelation?

- Follow what Jesus asks of the Churches in Chapters 2&3
- Warn others about what is coming
- Live Godly lives
- Pray for and prepare for Christ's return

Revelation 1: 3 (NASB)

Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 22: 7 (NASB)

*"And behold, I am coming quickly.
Blessed is the one who keeps the
words of the prophecy of this
book."*

Revelation 22: 8 (NASB)

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

We see John again so overwhelmed he falls at the feet of an angel, who again reminds him not to worship him but to worship God.

Revelation 22: 9 (NASB)

And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

Revelation 22: 10 (NASB)

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

Question?

What does this mean to you?

We are to share the words,
encouragement and warnings in
Revelation and not hide the words
because the prophetic events
found in this book can begin at
any time. Maybe today!

Revelation 22: 11 (NASB)

Let the one who does wrong still do wrong, and the one who is filthy still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous still practice righteousness, and the one who is holy still keep himself holy."

Question

What does this mean to you?

This is the end. Everything would be fixed and unchanging from here into eternity; that all who were then found to be righteous would remain so forever;

and that none who were unrepentant, impure, and wicked, would ever change their character or condition. This is the final eternal condition of the righteous and the wicked.

Revelation 22: 12-13 (NASB)

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Question?

Who is speaking here?

Jesus Christ

Question?

What is Jesus saying he will be doing?

Judging those who he does not know and rewarding those whom he does.

Question?

Do you think he will give more rewards to some and less to others?



Turn to: Matthew 6: 19-21

Matthew 6: 19-21 (NASB)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Matthew 6: 19-21 (NASB)

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Question?

How do you store up your treasures or rewards in heaven?



Turn to: Matthew 16: 24-27

Matthew 16: 24-27 (NASB)

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Matthew 16: 24-27 (NASB)

For what good will it do a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what will a person give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16: 24-27 (NASB)

For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every person according to his deeds.

Revelation 22: 14 (NASB)

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life, and may enter the city by the gates.

Question?

How do you wash your robes?



Turn to: Acts 22: 12-16

Acts 22: 12-16 (NASB)

"Now a certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, came to me, and standing nearby he said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!'"

Acts 22: 12-16 (NASB)

And at that very moment I looked up at him. And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear a message from His mouth. For you will be a witness for Him to all people of what you have seen and heard.'

Acts 22: 12-16 (NASB)

Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins by calling on His name.'

Revelation 22: 15 (NASB)

Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral persons, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

Question?

Who is this describing?

The lost in Hell. They will see into heaven but will never have access to Heaven.

Question?

How are they referred to?

Dogs

Revelation 22: 16 (NASB)

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you of these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Question?

Who does Jesus say Revelation is
to be written for?

Center Christian Church!

Revelation 22: 17 (NASB)

*The Spirit and the bride say,
"Come." And let the one who hears
say, "Come." And let the one who
is thirsty come; let the one who
desires, take the water of life
without cost.*

Question?

Who is the Spirit?

The Holy Spirit

Question?

Who is the Bride?

The Church.

Question?

Who is the one who hears, is
thirsty and desired God?

Christians

This demonstrates how each one of us, working together as a Church, are united with the Holy Spirit in evangelizing the world to come drink of the free gift of water of eternal life found only in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revelation 22: 18-19 (NASB)

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

Revelation 22: 18-19 (NASB)

and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Question?

What is this telling us?

Not to change scripture. This is the final chapter of the Bible. It is complete and nothing will be added or taken away.

Question?

Do you think this applies to all
scripture?

Yes. Society cannot change scripture to fit their desires and lifestyles. We must follow the Word of God, regardless. It is vital that we are Biblically correct, even when it conflicts with political correctness.

Question?

Do we see society trying to
change scripture?

Revelation 22: 20 (NASB)

*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

Question?

We just read the last spoken words of Jesus. *"Yes, I am coming soon."*

What is Jesus telling us with his last words?

We will be seeing him soon,
without warning so we must not
wait to share His Truths and we
must be ready and looking for
Him.

Notice John adds "*Amen. Come,
Lord Jesus.*"

Revelation 22: 21 (NASB)

*The grace of the Lord Jesus be
with all. Amen.*

Question?

What is grace?

Webster defines it as:

Unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration or sanctification.

Let's look at how Titus explains it

Titus 3: 3-8 (NIV)

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

Titus 3: 3-8 (NIV)

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3: 3-8 (NIV)

*whom he poured out on us
generously through Jesus Christ
our Savior, so that, having been
justified by his grace, we might
become heirs having the hope of
eternal life.*

Titus 3: 3-8 (NIV)

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

Summary

The book of Revelation can be broken down into 3 sections:

Past-Chapter 1

Present-Chapters 2-3

Future-Chapters 4-22

Letters to the Churches



THE CHURCHES OF
REVELATION

City	Complement	Criticism
<i>Ephesus</i> <i>(2:1-7)</i>	Works, labor, patience, cannot bear evil or false apostles, hate Nicolaitans.	Left their first love.
<i>Smyrna</i> <i>(2:8-11)</i>	Works, tribulation, poverty.	—
<i>Pergamos</i> <i>(2:12-17)</i>	Works, Hold fast Jesus' name, not denied the faith.	Hold the doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.

City	Complement	Criticism
<i>Thyratira</i> <i>(2:18-29)</i>	Works, charity, service, faith, growth in works.	Tolerated false prophet, Jezebel, to teach immorality and idolatry.
<i>Sardis</i> <i>(3:1-6)</i>	Works, a name (reputation) of being alive...	...but are dead.
<i>Philadelphia</i> <i>(3:7-13)</i>	Works, kept Jesus' word, not denied His Name.	—
<i>Laodicea</i> <i>(3:14-22)</i>	—	Lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked.

Question?

What do most of these condemnations of churches by Christ have in common?

Society's morals, values and desires creeping into the Church and changing True Biblical doctrine into a lie.

Romans 1: 25 (NASB)

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Question?

What are some examples of this today?

Question?

What from the Book of Revelation speaks to your heart the most?