

## SERMON OUTLINE

### I God Is Sovereign

- A. Throne
- B. Persecution (limited, church always spiritually safe)

#### APPLICATION:

1. Live as if everyone/everything is under God's rule
2. Trust in God's control of every circumstance, even persecution

### II. God Is Omnipotent (Authority)

- A. The Lamb is worthy/has authority to open scroll
- B. Judgement (everything flows from throne)
- C. God is powerful to provide the promised restoration: New heavens, new earth, and new Jerusalem

#### APPLICATION

1. God has the power to carry out all His plans
2. God has the power to defeat His enemies and preserve His people

### III. God Is Holy

- A. Idolatry (in the churches and in the world)
- B. Judgement (His holiness is standard)

#### APPLICATION:

1. God calls His people to be holy, and provides that same holiness, which both demands and equips our obedience
2. Worship God for He is Holy!

### IV. God Is Just

- A. Judgement (always just)
- B. All God's actions flow from His character, so they are all just.

#### APPLICATION:

1. Though God has ordained government to be just (punish the wicked, protect the righteous), we must not trust in government
2. If we trust God's just work, then we leave all judgment to Him rather than taking it into our own hands, even when our enemies persecute us.

### V. God Is True

- A False Trinity:
  1. Satan (defeated but angry and active)

2. Beast (powerful government and world systems which persecute the church)
  3. False prophet (tries to look like the Lamb but speaks and acts like the beast, found in church as well as world)
- B. Babylon: The harlot, a counterfeit Bride
- C. Religious deception of beast and false prophet
- D. Judgement of all evil beings

*APPLICATION:*

1. Discernment: Don't fall for the evil/false trinity's deception (technology, ease, wealth, entitlement, pleasure, etc.)
2. Worshiping rightly, in Spirit & in truth, as those measured and marked by the One True God, in preparation for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and eternity worshipping God and the Lamb, reflecting God's glory (not the world's)

**VI. God Is Faithful (Covenant Faithfulness)**

- A. Perseverance (God preserves His people!)
- B. Jesus is the Lamb of God slain yet standing, the Root of David, the Lion of Judah, faithful keeper of God's covenant, and all those in union with Him are kept safe for eternity according to God's promises!
- C. Fulfillment of all Biblical theology (renewal, old vs. new, Christ)

*APPLICATION:*

1. Our faithfulness (no submission to Satan/beast/false prophet/Babylon) even unto death. Since God preserves us, we must persevere in obedience!
2. Life in joyful confidence in spite of our circumstances.

**VII. God Is Grace**

- A. Repentance: God offers opportunity for repentance until the end
- B. Perseverance of saints (7 blessings, promises to churches)
- C. Though we don't deserve it, God has graciously placed His people in union with Christ, preserved their spiritual integrity throughout the ages, and will fulfill His promises to keep us eternally as the New Jerusalem in the new heavens and new earth.

*APPLICATION:*

1. Live a life of repentance
2. Live a life of forgiveness (God has forgiven you!)
3. Live a life of thanksgiving
4. Live a life of obedience empowered by grace

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 5, 2019

Passage: Revelation 1:1-22:21

Memory Passage: Revelation 1:3

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 1-4.** We began our study of Revelation on April 8, 2018. In preparation for that sermon I wrote the Discussion Guide to have us read the entire book and answer certain questions as we read. As we close our study we will again read the entire book and answer the same set of questions concerning each section. Your answers will most likely be completely different than they were a year ago! For each day's reading answer the following questions, which are adapted from the COMA (Context, Observation, Meaning, & Application) questions for apocalyptic literature found in David Helm's book *One-to-One Bible Reading* published by Matthias Media. Download other questions, as well as questions for other genres, for free here: <http://www.matthiasmedia.com/Samples/otobr/OTOBR-Sheets-for-copying-US-letter.pdf>
- (b) Context: What other bits of the Bible are mentioned or hinted at in the passage? How does the passage connect with the previous chapter and rest of Revelation?
- (c) Observation: What images are used in the passage and what effect do they have? What does the passage reveal about God? If there is a crisis in the passage, what is the tension/conflict about and how does it relate to readers?
- (d) Meaning: What specific instructions/commands are given, and what consequences for disobedience are mentioned? Summarize the main points of each section you read today. How does the passage point to Jesus?
- (e) Application: How does this passage lead you to trust God and His promises in Jesus? How does this passage adjust or confirm your understanding of the message of Revelation? How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 5-9.**

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 10-14.**

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 15-18.**

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 19-22.**

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*Revelation: Now What?*