

CP— 1/12/25 – The One Who Conquers

Revelation 1:1–3: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

“Revelation” = Ἀποκάλυψις, meaning “a disclosure, uncovering, make known”

1. Revelation comes from Jesus and is all about Jesus. (1:1)

- From him, belongs to Him - gift from the Father
- Reveals Him (1:5, 12–20; along with descriptions in throughout the book)
- The rest of the book shows a glorified Christ!
- Response is worship! John/angels/elders/multitude fall down!

2. Revelation comes to the church to prepare and help us. (1:1–2)

- Came to John, an apostle - like the Word came to us from Jesus from apostles
 - Picture of our Doctrine of Scripture (2 Pet 1:20–21, 2 Tim 3:16, 2 Pet 3:15 - “wisdom”)
- Reveals “the things that must soon take place” (also 1:19 - you have seen and that are)
- Declares the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ (who He is - what he testified) - includes what John wrote in his gospel - “testimony” appears 5x - His testimony is trustworthy and true!

3. Revelation brings a call, a blessing, and a sense of urgency. (1:3)

- Call to for loyalty obey and endure (“keep” - present active) - “not merely prediction” and information to know, but commands to be loyal to Jesus generally and specifically! - God or Satan, Christ or Caesar, the Spirit of Truth or the spirits of lies, the church or the world, holiness or sin, salvation or judgment, heaven or hell.
- A promise of blessing (7 blessings in Revelation)

1:3	19:9	22:14
14:13	20:6	
16:15	22:7	
- Sense of eternity and urgency (“must soon take place,” “time is near) - the balance of God doing what He wants to do in His time & us responding all the time rightly!

***Revelation is not primarily about giving us every detail of the end times. The book is for all believers for all times!** (However, the NT describes the second coming and end times in such a way that every generation of believers can say, “He may come back in my lifetime!”)

***The book is primarily about God being in complete control in Heaven, no matter what happens on earth.** All history is going according to His plan. (throne 43x)

***The book clearly communicates that Jesus wins,** and all who follow Him overcome and conquer because He has already conquered!
(To the one who conquers 7x in the letters to the churches)

Our Goals in Studying Chapters 1–3

*See and treasure Jesus as the One who has already conquered.

*Learn from the seven churches for encouragement, repentance, and obedience.

*Believe we can conquer because of Jesus and remain loyal to Him.