

REVELATION 1:1-8 (ESV)

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, ²who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed 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.

⁴John 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, ⁵and 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 ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, 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."

Sermon text next Sunday: Revelation 1:9-20

SETTING THE STAGE

Coming Soon ♦ John Stone ♦ 5.24.20

_____ is this _____ ?

Rev. 1:1-2, 4-6
Mark 9:2-3
John 18:4-6
John 15:14-15
Rom. 8:15

_____ is this _____ ?

Rev. 1:1-4a
Rom. 5:2
2 Cor. 9:8
John 16:33
Col. 3:15

_____ is this _____ ?

Rev. 1:4b-8
Rev. 1:4-5a
Rev. 1:5b-6
Rev. 1:7
1 Tim. 6:15b-16

TALK IT OVER

Keep growing in your relationship with Jesus: Take the message with you into your week. Talk it over with your friends, coworkers, family, or Grow Group (most groups on break for the summer). More ideas at npberean.org/group-resources.

- ♦ What is God showing me about Himself? How is He challenging me to be more like Jesus? What's my next step?
- ♦ How have I experienced God's love recently? How can I share His love with someone this week? Where do I see the enemy working to cause division and discord, and how does God's love encourage and empower me to seek peace instead?