



Today's Message

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Title: *The Blessing of Longing for Christ's Revelation*
Text: Revelation 1:1–3 (ESV)

¹ The 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.

Introduction

Today we begin a new study; we will center our worship services on the message of the book of Revelation. The book begins with a prologue (1:1-3) that tells us who wrote it, to whom it was written, why it was written, and gives us a brief preview of its message. From this prologue we learn that:

Today's take-home truth: The book of Revelation is a divine message given specifically to Christ's churches to strengthen us and bless us.

- I. **The book of Revelation is a divine message . . .**
 - A. It is Christ's message . . .
 - B. From God to us.

II. Given specifically to Christ's churches . . .

- A. It belongs to those who serve him.
- B. It belongs to those who worship him.

III. To strengthen us . . .

- A. Take heart: God's plan cannot be thwarted . . .
- B. And he will *soon* triumph over evil.

IV. And bless us.

- A. God promises to bless us for teaching it . . .
- B. *If* we obey what it says.