



## Today's Message

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Title: *Eternal Glory to the Triune God*

Text: Revelation 1:4–8 (ESV)

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

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Introduction: Our text contains the formal introduction to the book of Revelation. It begins in a customary way (author, recipients, greeting), but John quickly breaks out into an expression of worship. It is almost as if he could not contain his wonder and joy as he contemplated the subject of the book and the effect it would have in the lives of his readers.

**Today's take-home truth: Churches in every age face difficulty, but God sustains us by his grace as we long for Christ's return.**

- I. John addressed Revelation to real churches—just like ours. 4a**
- II. Its message brings hope from the Triune God. 4b-5a**
  - A. It promises grace and peace.
  - B. Its promises come from:
    - 1. The Father,
    - 2. The Holy Spirit,
    - 3. And the Jesus Christ.
- III. Its message evokes deep worship in God’s people. 5b-6**
  - A. Because Christ loves us . . .
  - B. and died for us . . .
  - C. and transformed us . . .
  - D. let us worship him!
- IV. Its message creates eager anticipation. 7**
  - A. We anticipate Christ’s glorious return . . .
  - B. and a great vindication . . .
  - C. that will result in repentance for many . . .
  - D. and judgment for the rest.
- V. Its message carries the guarantee of God, himself. 8**