



Today's Message

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Title: *The Spirit and the Bride Say, "Come"*

Text: Revelation 22:6–17 (ESV)

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Introduction: We have come to the epilogue of John’s book. His vision comes to an end with summary statements that include challenges, warnings, and encouragement. In many ways the book ends as it began in 1:1-8. And we remember that,

Today’s take-home truth: Revelation is a vital message for our church—if we really “hear” it.

I. Revelation is a vital message for our church . . . 6-16

- A. John’s words come to us from the Lord. 6, 16
- B. They focus our hope on the imminent return of Christ. 7a, 12-13
- C. They promise blessing to all who “hear,” that is,
 - 1. To all those who obey its message, 7b-9
 - 2. To all those who trust the Lamb. 14-15
- D. They speak with relevance to our greatest needs. 10-11

II. If we really “hear” it. 17

- A. John’s words will transform our affections. 17a
- B. They will clarify and energize our mission. 17b