



Outline - Sunday, April 13, 2014

Sermon Title: The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A gift from the Father

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-13

1. The Gift of Revelation: vs 1—James 1:17/John 3:27-35

- a. "From the Father to the Son"
—John 5:20-23; 13:3/Mt 11:25-27
- b. The Reward of His obedience and conquest
—Ps 2:7-8/Phil 2:9-11
- c. A witness and a saving revelation to the Church
—Eph 1:15-23/Luke 1:31-33

2. The Immediacy of the prophecy: vs 1c, 3c — "The future is now"

- a. We reject a purely futuristic view — Mt 24:9-14
- b. The Revelation is: historic, contemporaneous, progressive
— Rev 1:4, 8, 18; 4:8; 16:5/Heb 13:8
- c. Daniel spoke of sealed things to come—Dan 12:4, 8-9
- d. Christ has opened the seals—Rev 5:6-9; 10:2-8; 22:6-10

3. A Church centered prophecy: vs 4-11

- a. What is the Church? —Eph 2:14-19/Gal 6:15-16
- b. The fallacy of a single *denominational* expression:
The word "church"
- c. Bride, virgin, witness, prophets, candlesticks, army, elect, elders, New Jerusalem, saints, seed

4. There are four major visions of Christ:

- a. In the Church—Rev 1:12-13 (Accountability—His/Ours)
- b. On His Ruling Throne—Rev 5:1-5 (Assurance—Acts 7:56)
- c. Coming in judgment—Rev 19:11
(Our deliverance—2 Thes 1:7-8)
- d. Seated with the Father and Spirit
(“in Edenic glory”—Rev 22:1/Gen 2:8-10)

5. The blessing of the Gift: vs 3

- a. **The reading**—Luke 4:16-17/Neh 8:1-3/1 Tim 4:13
- b. **The hearing**—Neh 8:1-3/Rom 10:17/Mt 13:16-17
- c. **The response**—keep/guard/observe—Ps 119:11/Jude 3

“Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.” Mt 13:52

The Book of Revelation is the whole bible. From Genesis to The Revelation it is the unfolding of God’s glory in Jesus Christ. One linear progressive unfolding of divinely culminating truth, which will result in the whole will of God being accomplished. The glory of God will be fully and permanently manifested in both His justice and mercy. PJ