



Part 1: Jesus Speaks to His Church

:: PASSAGE : Revelation 1:1-8

:: SERMON NOTES

- 1) The book of Revelation holds blessings, warnings and promises from Jesus that we can take hold of today if we would be a _____ that is ready for his future return.

- 2) The key focus of the book of Revelation is not the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, the judgments, or the angels. The focus of Revelation is the _____ of Jesus Christ.

- 3) Revelation was not written for people who desire to just analyze the text and debate viewpoints, it is written to those who are engaged in humbly _____ God. It is not a book of head knowledge and intrigue, it is the revelation of Jesus for those who are actively serving as they await his return.

- 4) The events that take place in Revelation have appointed times where they will be fulfilled in history. As far as we are concerned, God intended their timing to be unknown and _____ so that the Church in every generation would live in expectancy and readiness.

- 5) Thankfully, we are not required to understand everything in the book of Revelation to be blessed. We, the Church, are asked to read it aloud, _____ and take it to heart.

:: LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) What stood out in today's message for you? Why?

- 2) What has been your experience with the book of Revelation?

- 3) What does it mean to have an expectation of the imminent return of Christ? How does this affect your daily life?

- 4) As you look at the titles given to introduce Jesus in v.5-8, which ones hold particular meaning to you? Why?

- 5) How might the passage we read today provide help to Christians who may feel discouraged or who are undergoing hardship?

- 6) As you consider the future of our church at Banwell, what are some of your greatest hopes?