

# THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

*"What Are We to Do Now?"*

**Revelation 22:6-16**

## INTRODUCTION:

1. John now wants us to leave our study of this book with TRUTH that should direct our lives.
2. If we have approached the book of Revelation with the intent of gaining intellectual knowledge only, we will have missed John's point entirely.
3. This morning, we want to take a look at the question, *"How are we to live until the Lord calls us out of here in the Rapture?"*

## THERE ARE FIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE BELIEVER NOW BEFORE JESUS RETURNS

### I. PRIORITY #1 - HEED THE WORD

#### 1. Vs 6

- a) *"These words are trustworthy and true"*

#### 2. Vs 7

- a) *"Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book"*

- 1) "keeps" - means to guard, to watch over, to protect, TO HEED
- 2) Believers are called to guard and protect the book of Revelation.
- 3) All of scripture is to be guarded.

- b) **1 Timothy 6:20**

- c) **2 Timothy 1:13-14**

#### 3. What does it mean then, to "**heed**" the book of Revelation?

- a) Reading and studying this book should move me to love Christ more!!!

- 1) To encourage more Christlikeness.
- 2) Hope for the resurrection and eternal rewards.
- 3) To understand the fearful judgment that waits non-Christians.

- b) God places a high value on His prophetic words and expects every believer to know and keep them.

- c) Revelation also issues a dire warning to any who would misuse the words of this prophecy.

- a) **Vs 18-19**

- d) **Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5-6; Galatians 1:8-9**

4. More than any other author, John used the word "**keep**" as a picture of obedience,
  - a) Again, it means "**to adhere to**", "**to follow**", to be "**submissive to**," or to "**walk under the authority of**."
  
5. **NOW Listen Up:** John is saying, "**Blessed is he who walks under the authority of God's Word until Jesus returns.**"
  
6. **John 14:15; 15:10; 1 John 2:3; 5:2-3**
  
7. **Joshua gives us a great commentary on walking obediently to the Word of God.**
  
8. **Joshua 1:7-8**
  - a) Read the **Word**
    - 1) "**being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you.**"
  - b) Follow **ONLY** the **Word**
    - 1) "Do not turn from it to the right, or to the left"
  - c) Believe **ALL** the **Word**
    - 1) "all"
  - d) Study the **Word Continually**
    - 1) "**Day and night**"

## **II. PRIORITY #2 - WORSHIP INTENTIONALLY**

1. **Revelation 22:7-9**
  
2. We are to Worship with purpose.
  
3. **Vs 7**
  - a) "**behold, I am coming soon.**"
  
4. John's consistent response to news about prophetic events is to worship.
  - a) **Cf. 19:10**
  
5. John got so shook up he got confused about who to worship.
  - a) **Vs 8**
  
6. Notice the angel's response.
  - a) **Vs 9**
    - 1) "**Worship God**"
  
7. Worship in Heaven is a great guide for us.

a) Heavenly worship focuses on the attributes and actions of God.

1) Who He is.

2) and What He has done.

b) **Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:9-10, 12-13; 7:10, 12; 11:15**

8. The worship in heaven never loses sight of the fact that, throughout the prophetic calendar of the Church and the world, God is in control.

### III. PRIORITY #3 - WITNESS VIGOROUSLY

1. Vs 10

a) *"for the time is near"*

2. Don't seal it up, the message needs to be shared.

3. **2 Corinthians 5:11**

a) Anyone who can read about the coming days of Tribulation on earth and not be motivated to tell others how to escape the coming wrath of God has not been touched by the words of this prophecy.

4. **Revelation 22:11**

a) The Word of God is the only agent for changing lives.

### IV. PRIORITY #4 - SERVE PASSIONATELY

1. Vs 12

a) *"Behold, I am coming soon"*

1) *"Behold"* - Listen Up!!!

2) *"I am coming soon"*

b) *"bringing my recompense with me"*

1) *"recompense"* - "reward"

2. **The Judgment Seat of Christ is a very frightening** thing for me to think about.

a) To stand before the Lion of Judah and have His gaze penetrate the innermost parts of my heart and mind is not something I will look forward to if I have not been living my life for Him.

b) My whole Christian life is going to be judged.

3. **John 9:4**

## V. PRIORITY #5 - WATCH WITH ANTICIPATION

### 1. Revelation 22:7, 12, 20

#### a) "I am coming soon."

- 1) "soon" - comes from the Greek word from which we get the word "tachometer"
- 2) A tachometer measures revolutions per minute of an engine.
- 3) It means that His coming will happen quickly.

b) It means that when the Lord comes it will be so quick that no one will have the opportunity to change their status.

### 2. Revelation 22:11

a) He who is unjust or unrighteous will remain so.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Now is the time to prepare for His coming.
2. Now is the time to get your PRIORITIES right!!
  - a) HEED THE WORD
  - b) WORSHIP INTENTIONALLY
  - c) WITNESS VIGOROUSLY
  - d) SERVE (Work) PASSIONATELY
  - e) WATCH WITH ANTICIPATION