

# Seven Churches of Revelation

## Seals Broken

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**Series Thread:** “The revelation of Jesus” unravels the knots in my mind and heart.

**Message Thread:** God is trying to BLESS you with this revelation.

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.” Revelation 1:17b - 19 ESV

### God’s saving grace:

- “He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment (wrath).” I Thessalonians 1:10 ESV
- “For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger (wrath) on us... <sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” I Thessalonians 5:9 –11 ESV
- “Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” Romans 5:9 ESV

### How are we saved from this wrath?

- Death
- Rapture (not a Bible word)
  - This is the first of 2x Jesus comes.
    - He comes for us...rapture.
    - He comes to defeat evil’s reign of pain.
- He comes for us - “so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming...<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son

of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. <sup>45</sup> “Who then is the faithful and wise servant...” Matthew 24:39–45 ESV

**Key Text:** Revelation 6:1 – 8:5 ESV

**Creation’s conflict is not secular, it is deeply spiritual.**

**What is the faithful church doing?**

**I have to ask...What are we/you doing?**

- Hardening of your heart, hiding and isolating from God and others, unrepentant sin?
- Be hope’s witness.

**God is trying to BLESS you with this Revelation!**

**Challenge:**

-What have the words of Jesus exposed?

- Hardening of your heart, hiding, and isolating from God and others, unrepentant sin?

-Be hope’s witness.

-Will you place your FAITH in what has been revealed?

-How does the revelation of Jesus enable you to remain faithful?



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