# **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.

### 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

#### How are we saved from this wrath?

- Death (those in Christ)
- Rapture
  - He comes for us...rapture to save us from the wrath coming on evil and injustice.
  - o He comes to defeat evil's reign of pain once and for all.
- 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." Matthew 24:39 44 ESV

**Key Text:** Revelation 7 – 8:5 ESV

Creation's conflict is not secular, it is deeply spiritual.

# What is the faithful church doing?

- Living HER best life...NOT distracted from her GROOM.
  - The bride "Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure..." Revelation 19:7 – 8 ESV

- How is Jesus trying to wait on you?
- What is Jesus asking of you?
- How is Jesus guiding you?
- The church of the Revelation is...
  - Informed
  - Committed
  - Purposed

# Challenge:

- What have the words of Jesus exposed?
- What is distracting you from the GROOM and from being 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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