

Seven Churches of Revelation

New Beginning

Pastor Craig Sweeney | September 4, 2022

Message Thread: How we live while awaiting Jesus' return matters to Him.

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

Today we look to the visions found in Revelation Chapters 18-22.

- Today - “our present tribulation” Revelation 1:9 ESV
- Rapture of the Church – Imminent.
- Antichrist will rise to power and make temporary peace with Israel.
- The 7 years will begin with 7 Seals along with and intermingled with 7 Trumpets, 7 Thunders and 7 Bowls. ALL of them are judgements.
- Antichrist will grow in power along with his false prophet and the world will follow him.
- 7 years of deep spiritual battle culminates in The Battle of Armageddon. Revelation 19:11 – 20:3 NLT

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The Millennium

Satan defeated for last time Revelation 20:7 – 10 NLT

Judgement from the Great White Throne Revelation 20:11 – 15 NLT

The new heavens and new earth Revelation 21:1 – 2 ESV

Faith Challenge: Trust and Anticipation

Insights:

This is WHAT Jesus is trying to do FOR you.

- It's personal.
- God's justice and judgement are coming. We are simply awaiting the trial.
- What are we, the Church, to do with this knowledge?
 - “...love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-40 NLT
 - “Follow me...” Matthew 4:19 ESV
 - Into every room and bring the kingdom with you.
 - In the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.
 - Not just getting through a day but bringing the kingdom of God through your day to others.
 - Be kind. (Anger and venom aren't effective arguments.)
 - A people who walk humbly with God in their generation.

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Challenge:

What have the words of Jesus exposed?

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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