

Revelation 22:6-11
Our Call to Action!
(pt. 2)

INTRO: Throughout church history the book of Revelation has been largely ignored or misapplied (abused)! This is tragic and unnecessary.

Revelation 1:3; *Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*

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(**Rev. 22:8b-9;** Exodus 20:2-6; Matt. 4:8-10; John 4:23-24; 1 Chron. 16:23-31)

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(Rev. 22:10; 18-19; Matt. 10:27-28; Matt. 28:18-20)

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(Rev. 22:11, Heb. 12:14; 2 Pet. 3:8-15a)

Hebrews 10:23-25; *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

For Further Reflection/Application: *How has God been sanctifying you through His Word?*

Describe some experience in your life where you ended up doing something that you initially thought was way too difficult; (perhaps changing a tire, learning a second language, etc). Tragically, some view Revelation like it is “a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.”

Read Revelation 1:3. 22:7. Why do you suppose so many Christians (including pastors) have ignored large sections of the book of Revelation?

How have the end times and biblical prophecy (including Revelation) been abused and/or misapplied? How do we best protect ourselves against either of these errors?

Eyewitness testimony from a credible source bolsters one’s confidence in the integrity of this prophetic message. The (last living) apostle John was an eyewitness of what he writes about in this book. Note Revelation 22:8. The historian Luke makes a big deal of this in Luke 1:1-4.

Describe a real-life situation where you unintentionally found yourself worshiping the creation or the creature, rather than the Creator! Perhaps in nature; or when listening to a great musician or a world class artist or athlete...?

The overarching theme of the Bible is summarized in one command. Worship God and God alone! Note Revelation 22:9-10; Matthew 4:8-10; Rev. 1:20-25; John 4:23-24; Acts 12:18-25. “The heart is a perpetual factory of idols.” What are some of the idols of your heart? What do you sometimes love or serve above God? (health, comfort, leisure, sports, fortune, fame/self-glory?)

How does Lord’s Day worship and preaching function like weekly ‘spiritual wheel alignment?’ “Prone to wonder Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love...” Hebrew 12:23-25.

Read Revelation 22:10, 18-19. What are some of the ways that God’s people can protect the book and timeless message of Revelation (and all of God’s Word for that matter)? What are some of the ways Satan tries to detract from this Book?

If we fail to protect and proclaim these sacred truths, how will current and future generations be able to heed the timeless truths found in this Book? (again note Revelation 1:3; 22:7)

Commenting on Matthew 10:27, Pastor John MacArthur notes, “Fraternal orders and lodges that have secret rites and ceremonies have no part in the work of Christ’s Kingdom, no matter how much they may try to defend their religious purposes and standards. All spiritual and moral truth that man needs to know and can know, God has already made known; and His desire is for that truth to be proclaimed, not hidden (or sealed). *Christians are not elite defenders of man-made secrets but bold proclaimers of God-given truth.* Secrecy has not part in the gospel.”

Who do you need to share the gospel with? Pray for God to give you an “open door” and that His Spirit would grant you holy boldness. Note Paul’s example in Acts 24:25.

We’re closer to the end than ever before. The Lord could return at any time. Soon and very soon (God’s people) are going to see the King! How should this impact our pursuit of godliness? Our evangelistic efforts? Note Revelation 22:10-11; Hebrews 12:14; Titus 2:11-14.

Related Praise Songs: *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in God's Word in order that we may go high in praise and adoration!*

God and God Alone- Steve Green

O Church Arise- Keith and Kristyn Getty

Edges- This Hope

Macedonia- Hymn

I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus- CityAlight

The Sands of Time are Sinking- <https://www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/music/>

Soon and Very Soon (Medley/Live)- Travis Cottrell

Come, Lord Jesus- "Prayers of the Saints," Sovereign Grace Music

This We Know- Vertical Worship

How Long O Lord- Sovereign Grace Music

Hymn of the Last Days- Horatius Bonar

Endless Hallelujah- Matt Redman

Is He Worthy? (Sing! Psalms: Ancient and Modern)- Keith and Kristyn Getty feat. Andrew Peterson

The New Jerusalem (Saints of Zion)- Jeff Lippencott and R.C. Sproul

Related Scripture Passages: *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Revelation 22:6f; 1:3; Matthew 4:8-10; 10:27-28; 28:18-20; Romans 1:20-25; John 4:23-24; Acts 12:18-25; Hebrews 12:14; 2 Peter 3:8-15a.

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