

Sermon Title: "PRAISE"

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8 (NIV)

INTRO: A lot of Revelation is _____ (not) what you think it is! Although it does talk about the end times, we are instructed not to be _____ (afraid). In the beginning, God started something beautiful. Sin and Satan marred the _____ (creation). But God...did not give up on us! The Book of Revelation is the story of Almighty God completing what He started, and the message is full of _____ (Praise).

1. The _____ (Context) of Praise
 - a. the word context comes from two words: con (come) & text (together)
 - b. context brings the surrounding into the subject
 - c. context reveals the _____ (main) thing
 - d. all that God began...is made _____ (complete) in the Book of Revelation
 - e. the number one characteristic of a Christian is _____ (praise)
2. The _____ (Content) of Praise
 - a. the word content is all about "what is contained inside"
 - b. the content of praise is that Jesus _____ (freed) us from our sin
 - c. Jesus did not just improve me, He _____ (changed) me

BIG IDEA: He made us a _____ (Kingdom) & _____ (Priests)
-a Kingdom is a territory under the complete _____ (rule) of a Sovereign King
-a Priest is one who _____ (serves) God & man

CLOSE: Are you a Kingdom? Is your life totally ruled by King Jesus? Are you a Priest? Are you serving the Father today, as well as your fellow man?

LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD!