

Revelation 1:4-8

Jesus freed us from sin through His Blood
When He returns all the world will know He is Lord

The Book of Revelation

- Duality of responses = Fear and Hope
 - Fear for those subject to judgment
 - Hope for those under salvation
- Letter to the 7 churches = letter to all who believe in Christ

Revelation 1:4-5a

- Christ's ministry
 - Faithful witness - He is the one that testifies to death and before the Father
 - Firstborn of the Dead - the first of the resurrection to life
 - Ruler of the Kings of the Earth - The ultimate authority

Revelation 1:5b-6

- The Gospel Message
 - Christ's death on the Cross
 - Establishing his Kingdom
 - Believers given as Priests - servants and stewards
- All for His glory
- Amen = 'Let it be so'

Revelation 1:7

- When he returns
 - Descend on a cloud = presence of God
 - Everyone will instantly become aware of their relationship with God when Christ Returns
 - All to His glory

Revelation 1:8

- Alpha and Omega = Beginning and the End
- Who is, who was, and is to come

• **Message of Hope**

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 - He will fully establish his kingdom
 - He will come in a mighty way as a testimony of salvation
 - He will rescue his children from the brokenness of this world
 - He will make all things new when his kingdom is in full
 - He will punish all injustice
 - He will be glorified in all of it
- Relationship of Redemption

• **Message of Haste**

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- Relationship of Condemnation
- Makes us grateful that God is Long-suffering
 - Gives imminence to our commission - **Matt 28:19-20**
 - One day Christ will return and that will be the end and everyone will either be in his presence eternally or forever removed from it.
 - We live everyday as if he is coming back today
 - One day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord - **Phil 2:9-11**
 - From Condemnation or Redemption

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