



Revelation 1: Jesus is Calling

Revelation 1:1-8 NRSV

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Key verse to understanding the book of Revelation: **Revelation 1:3**

“Blessed is the one who reads this book, and blessed are those who hear and keep it.”

Who is Jesus? What does He call us to become?

Revelation 1:5

1. The faithful witness

a. The call to ***faithfulness***: “Do not be afraid.” Revelation 1:17
Jesus calls us to be faithful in the Spirit as he was faithful to the Father.

2. The firstborn from the dead

b. The call to ***hope***.
“I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.” Revelation 1:18
Jesus gives us the assurance that we will live forever, if we are faithful like he was.

3. The ruler of the kings of the earth: The King of Kings

c. The call to **discipleship**.

Jesus calls us to radical discipleship to follow him as King and Lord.

This will cost us, yet there is great reward.

Spiritual Practice: Revelation 1:12-18

Faith Community Mission Statement:

To demonstrate Christ's love in specific ways so that everyone we meet will know they are Important, Loved and Wanted in Jesus' name!