

Introduction

- I. The church today needs encouragements and reminders of God's love because of tribulations.
- II. Consider the blessing on the church and the church's response to this.

God's Blessing on the Church in Tribulation

I. The Divine Blessing

A. John announces the blessing of God Himself on His church: grace and peace.

B. The source of blessing is the Triune God, through the Holy Spirit and by Jesus Christ.

II. The Church's Response

A. The church responds by praising Jesus Christ for what He has done. This is what praise and adoration does - it declares the greatness of one who has given so much.

1. He loves us.

2. He washes us from our sins.

3. Finally, by this washing He makes the church a kingdom of priests.

B. Because of this work of Jesus Christ, the church sings the beautiful refrain, "to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

III. The Future Hope

A. Verse 7 emphasizes that He is coming in majesty to judge the world in righteousness.

B. The text emphasizes that this is a sure thing.