

## INTRODUCTION

Here at the end of Revelation chapter 3, let's take a few minutes to rejoice and be thankful together.

We started studying in Revelation on April 14, 2021. We have taken 84 lessons together in Revelation over the course of two years.

The first thing we considered was the promise of blessing from God:

Rev 1:3b Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein

What blessing? We who read and hear the book of Revelation, and believe it  
-we will not think that we don't need to be saved, or that we can save ourselves by good works

-we will confess our sins to God, trusting in God's promises, in His grace, in His mercy, for forgiveness of our sins, and for being justified before God, all through Jesus Christ

-we will learn to pray to God, and to trust Him to help us through all troubles

-we will learn to stop being stubborn, and obey all God commands, trusting in Him

-we will have joy, and find ourselves glad in the Lord, and be able to call others to rejoice in Him with us

-we will keep the congregation in a state of constant reform, so it will not be dead or lukewarm

We are enjoying those blessings from God through Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit is working those things in us.

Remember some of the good things we have learned together during these two years:

We have considered God as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

We have considered Jesus as the Christ through whom God saves sinners, by his three-fold office as Prophet, Priest, and King.

We have learned about the Bible, that it is the Word of God from Jesus, as spoken by the Holy Spirit through men like John, who are writing down eye-witness testimony.

We have heard that Jesus Christ is coming, which is all our hope.

We have heard of Jesus Christ as the First & Last, Beginning & End, Alpha & Omega.

We have learned not to fear affliction or tribulation, because Jesus is in control of it all, and is with us through it all, and is working our good by it.

We have learned that we can expect to find comfort, hope, peace, encouragement, sanctification, forgiveness, and all of the spiritual blessings we need from the Lord when we are praying.

We reviewed the connection between the sabbath day at creation, the fourth commandment, the first day of the week, and what John called “The Lord’s Day.”

We learned about our Lord Jesus, pictured gloriously as the fulfillment of many things in the Old Testament, walking among the lampstands, the congregations.

We heard about the things that can go right or go wrong in a congregation, and what to do in those various circumstances, as our Lord Jesus commands and promises.

It has been some work to get here on Wednesday evenings. Not as much for me, since this is my job. But for you all to get home from work, get supper ready, get dressed, and get here on time, has been some work.

And it has been some work to give attention to the Bible study lessons. You have to help little children; you have to stay awake!

In my judgment, having raised my kids going to prayer meeting and Bible study on Wednesday evenings, it has been a very good thing we’ve done these two years of Wednesday evenings.

Now, having enjoyed the first three chapters, we go on to chapters 4 and 5.

TEXT: Revelation chapters 4 and 5

## BODY

Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

the things which thou hast seen: the vision of Christ and the candlesticks, chapter 1

the things which are: the letters to the seven congregations, chapters 2 and 3

the things which shall be hereafter: chapters 6 through the end

In chapters 4 and 5, we read of a glorious vision of God, with emphasis on God as being on the throne in heaven.

-God the Father seated on the throne (Rev 4:2-3)

-God the Holy Spirit as burning before the throne (Rev 4:5)

-God the Son in the throne (Rev 5:6)

We can understand, then, that all the things which shall be hereafter are made to happen by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We, then, are made to rejoice.

We, then, are made to have courage.

We, then, are made to hope.