

Ready or Not

Revelation 22:1-21

Big Idea: "These words are trustworthy and true." The entire Bible points to one promise: Jesus is coming. Are you ready? His blood covers every sin for those who trust Him. Come, Lord Jesus.

Main Points

1. God's promises are completely trustworthy. The words of Revelation are described as "trustworthy and true," and God's track record throughout Scripture confirms this.
2. The curse of sin will be fully and finally abolished in the new creation. Healing, wholeness, and the unhindered presence of God await those who are in Christ.
3. Worship belongs to God alone. Even a mighty angel refused John's worship, pointing him back to God. Every believer is simply a servant carrying out an assignment.
4. Now is the time to weep over the lost and to act. The day is coming when God will wipe away every tear, but today is the day to pray, to share, and to reach those who do not yet know Christ.
5. The gospel is a free invitation. The water of life is offered without price to all who are thirsty and willing to come.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Revelation 1:5
- ☐ Revelation 21:3
- ☐ Revelation 21:4
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
- ☐ Matthew 7:16
- ☐ Genesis 1-3
- ☐ Isaiah 53:5-6
- ☐ Luke 9:22
- ☐ Romans 16:20

Opening Question:

The sermon compared studying Revelation to watching fireworks go off one after another. What moment, image, or passage from the book of Revelation has stayed with you the most throughout this series, and why?

Discussion Questions:

Revelation 22:1-5 describes the river of life, the tree of life, the end of the curse, and God as the eternal light of his people. Which of these images is most meaningful or comforting to you personally, and what does it tell you about what God is preparing for those who love him?

The sermon emphasized that God is completely trustworthy and that his promises have been fulfilled throughout history, from Genesis 3 to Isaiah 53 to the resurrection. What is one promise of God that you are currently holding onto? What makes it difficult to fully trust that promise in the present season of your life?



In verse 9, the angel corrects John and says, "I am a fellow servant with you." Pastor Tim pointed out that even a mighty angel understood he was just doing his job, not deserving of worship. How does thinking of yourself as a servant of God shape the way you approach your role in the church and in the world?

Verse 10 says not to seal up the words of this prophecy because the time is near. Pastor Tim made the point that every believer is called to get the word out. What holds you back from sharing your faith with the people around you? What would it look like to take one practical step toward that this week?

Pastor Tim reflected on Revelation 21:4, where God wipes away every tear, and suggested that now is the time to weep over people who are far from God. Is there someone in your life you feel a deep burden for? How does that burden move you to pray or act differently?

Verses 18-19 contain a stern warning against adding to or taking away from the words of this prophecy. What does this warning teach us about how seriously God takes the integrity of his Word? How does this challenge the way we handle Scripture in our everyday lives?

The sermon closed with Pastor Tim describing a tension: wanting Jesus to return quickly while also wanting more time for people around us to come to faith. Do you feel that tension? How do you hold both of those things together in your heart?

Practical Applications:

1. Pray urgently: Daily pray for one or two people who don't know Christ, asking for opportunities for gospel conversations.
2. Study humbly: Read the entire book of Revelation in one sitting, seeking a renewed sense of awe for Jesus.
3. Evaluate your investments: Reflect on 1 Corinthians 3 and assess if your priorities align with an eternal perspective.
4. Share the invitation: Find a chance to invite someone to experience the "water of life" through conversation or a church invitation.
5. Serve quietly: Look for a way to serve someone without seeking recognition, ensuring all glory goes to God.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Pray that we would trust God's promises, long for Jesus' return, and faithfully invite others to receive the water of life while there is still time.