

Revelation 1:1-8

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Central Idea: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Your Savior, is coming with power and great glory to bring all things under His government and dominion.

Outline

- I. Jesus Christ is coming to bring God's plan for the ages – to bring all things under His government and dominion – to completion. Rev. 1:1-3
 - A. He is revealing God's plan.
 - B. He is enriching our spiritual lives.
- II. Jesus Christ is God the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Messiah. Rev. 1:4-5a
 - A. He is the faithful witness.
 - B. He is the firstborn of the dead.
 - C. He is the ruler of the kings of the earth.
- III. Jesus Christ is our Savior. Rev. 1:5b-6a
 - A. He is the lover of our souls.
 - B. He is the redeemer of our souls at the cost of His own blood.
 - C. He is the shepherd of our souls.
- IV. Jesus Christ is coming with power and great glory. Rev. 1:6b-8
 - A. He is sovereign.
 - B. He is glorious.
 - C. He is the Almighty.

Practical Steps in Obeying the Message of the Revelation

One of the commentators has said: "A revelation of the end of history is given not for the satisfaction of curiosity, but to inspire living in accordance with the reality unveiled."

The blessing that results from obeying the Revelation (1:3) has both a present and eternal impact. In the present, the obedient Christian will be growing spiritually and will be useful as a servant of the Lord.