



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: Grace in the Waiting

Scripture: Revelation 22:13-21

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I. GRACE IN THE WAITING

Revelation 22:12-13 -

1) We are eagerly waiting for the One who is transcendent above time! We are eagerly waiting for the One who is both the SOURCE and the GOAL of all things. He is WORTH the wait!

Philippians 2:9-11 and 1st John 4:11-12

Revelation 22:14-15 -

2) Only those who are cleansed, who “wash their robes” in the blood of Christ, can rightly long for and eagerly anticipate His return. This is where joyful waiting BEGINS!

Note: The verb “wash” is in the PRESENT TENSE. It describes active, living, ongoing faith! It testifies to Jesus’ ongoing, preserving, and sanctifying power!

Note: Our salvation and cleansing in Christ gives us freedom and access to ALL the blessings and joy that John saw in chapters 21 and 22!

Revelation 22:16 -

3) We base our “waiting” upon the very words of Jesus, who is the awe-inspiring fulfillment of ALL God’s promises. God’s trustworthiness gives us STRENGTH in our waiting!

Isaiah 11:1-2, 10

“...the bright morning star.” (Revelation 22:16c)

“I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near: A STAR shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel...” (Numbers 24:17a)

Revelation 22:17 -

4) Our “waiting” for Jesus should never be thought of as dull, boring inactivity. We are to be praying, longing, looking, loving, evangelizing, and disciple-making as we wait. This is an engaged, ALL-PARTICIPATION kind of “waiting”!

“HE will glorify ME, FOR He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.” (John 16:14)

Isaiah 55:1, 6-7

Revelation 22:18-19 -

5) How we respond to God’s word, to this “revealing” of Jesus, is of the utmost importance! Our faith, our waiting, our following, our trusting, our proclaiming of Jesus must be rooted in God’s word, which is our fixed, exclusive, UNCHANGING foundation!

Psalm 119:18, 25, 33-34, 89, 105, 160 and Matthew 24:35

Revelation 22:20 -

6) This response in verse 20 only makes sense within the context of faith and love! We trust Jesus, we love Jesus, and thus we GLADLY wait for Him! We joyfully affirm what He says!

Revelation 22:21 -

7) God will give us GRACE in our waiting. He is doing a work in us AS we wait!

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why do we usually find “waiting” to be so painful and agonizing?
2. When Jesus says (in verse 13) that He is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, what is He saying about Himself? Why does this matter?
3. What do those who “wash their robes” receive in Christ? What does it mean to “wash robes”?
4. What kinds of activities and attitudes should characterize our “waiting”?
5. What do verses 18-19 teach us about the importance of God’s word?
6. Why is the last verse in the Bible important? What does it teach us?