

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Revelation 1:9,12-18](#).
- B. Thank-yous and introductory comments.
- C. This series of gospel meetings is not designed to answer every question about the book of Revelation. It is designed to give an introduction to the book so that one may accurately study it further.
- D. We are to never give up (as Xians) because in the end, we win!
(Story of Winston Churchill.)

I. THE SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION.

A. **First, Rev. 1:3:**

[Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.](#)

Three things are to be done to receive this blessing.

1. Read the book, (unlike any other book).
2. Hear the message (meaning to understand).
3. Heed what is written (obey the words written).

B. **Second, Rev. 14:13:**

[And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."](#)

1. The key here is that sweet rest remains for the faithful child of God. This is eternal security. When one has died after a faithful life their deeds will follow with them.
2. This is in great contrast to the lot of the unfaithful who are physically dead in 14:11.

C. **Third, Rev. 16:15:**

[\("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame."\)](#)

1. No one likes to be naked and then have others see their shame. Truly, this generation that continues in its way of nakedness has forgotten how to blush (Jer. 6:15). This nakedness is spiritual in nature and is of those who are not ready for Jesus return.
2. The admonition is to be awake and alert so that when Jesus does come we will be ready to meet Him.

D. **Fourth, Rev. 19:9:**

[And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."](#)

See also Mt. 22:1-14.

1. A marriage is to take place on the final day. Jesus (the bridegroom) will be wed to the church (the bride of X). Those invited will be those whom Jesus has saved in His church. This blessing will be enjoyed on the final day, and last for an eternity.
2. Invitations will only go out to those who are holy and blameless (Eph. 5:27).

E. **Fifth, Rev. 20:6:**

[Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.](#)

Two things are promised here which make up the blessing of being baptized:

1. The second death has no power (21:8).
2. Xians will reign w/X (Eph. 2:6).

F. **Sixth, Rev. 22:7:**

"And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

1. This is a special warning to the Xians of the first century so that they know the things spoken of is about to take place. If they will heed the words of the prophecy they will be blessed.
2. This warning and blessing is basically the same as 1:3, except for the emphasis placed on heeding due to Jesus' quick return. Jesus will return **figuratively** to judge the evil Roman empire and venerate the saints.
3. John's prophecy is to remain unsealed, meaning it is for his generation (22:10).

G. **Seventh, Rev. 22:14:**

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

1. To wash our robes is to clean our lives and make them sinless. This washing is elsewhere described as being done in the blood of X (7:14; 19:8).
2. Being able to enter the city is being able to enter the church and be a part of it both on the earth and later in the eternal heavens.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We can have the assurance of victory because Jesus was victorious over Satan in His resurrection.
- B. Jesus is conqueror of all due to this great description of His power.
- C. Come no matter what, if we shall remain in Jesus, faithful to the end we can have the victory that overcomes the world.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.