



How Can I Be Ready?

Revelation Part One: The Health Of The Church - Part 1 of 6
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Big Idea: The Revelation is written so we can be warned, comforted, and ready for Christ's return as we live faithfully for Him.

Text: Revelation 1

*The **revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must **soon** take place.*

He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John. – Revelation 1:1

*Who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is **near**. – Revelation 1:2-3*

I. POSSIBLE HINDRANCES TO BLESSING.

A. It's a literary genre with which most of us _____.

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood. – Revelation 1:4-5

B. It's easily _____.

II. BLESSINGS WE HOPE TO RECEIVE AS A COMMUNITY.

A. We will see Jesus _____.

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. – Revelation: 1:12-17a

B. We will be ready for _____.

C. We will be asking the _____:

"How can I be a faithful follower of Jesus who is ready for His return?"

III. THREE WAYS GOD WILL BLESS YOU, PERSONALLY.

A. Be _____.

B. Be _____.

C. Be _____.