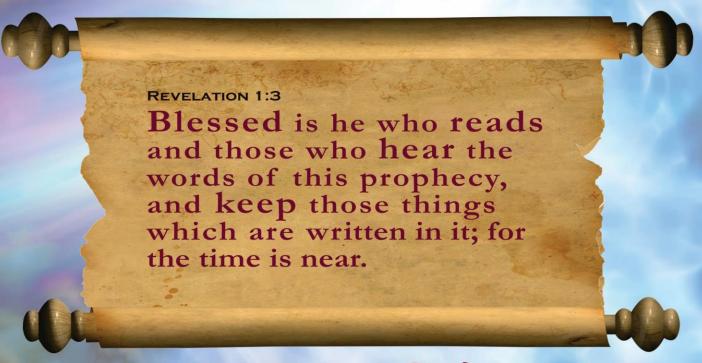


### A REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

# God has a Promised Blessing

Thursday, August 29th 7:30 PM Room A204



For You!

#### Revelation 2 New International Version (NIV)

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	Ephesus 2:1-7	Smyrna 2:8-11	Pergamum 2:12-17	Thyatira 2:18-29	Sardis 3:1-6	Philadelphia 3:7-13	Laodicea 3:14-22
Definition of name	"desirable"	"myrrh" or "sweet smelling"	"elevated by marriage"	"perpetual sacrifice"	"red ones"	"brotherly love"	
Self-Description	Holds 7 stars, walks among 7 lampstands	First and Last, Died and came to life	The One with two- edged sword	Eyes of fire, feet like brass; searches minds	Holds 7 spirits and 7 stars	Holy, true, holds keys, opens and shuts	Amen, true witness, Beginning of creation
What Christ Knows	hard work, perseverance, no toleration of evil, discernment	Works, trials, poverty; blasphemy of false Jews	Works, living where Satan's throne is	More works, love, service, faith, patience	You are dead	You have an open door	Neither cold nor hot
Commendation	Tested false prophets, perseverance	poverty—yet you are rich	City of Satan, faith in spite of martyrdom,	(above)	Have few names undefiled	Kept command to persevere	
Rebuke	Left first love	X	Ones with doctrine of Balaam	Jezebel with immorality permitted	Works imperfect	X	Lukewarm, wretched, blind, naked
Counsel	Remember, repent, do first works	Do not fear suffering	Repent	Hold fast till I come	Watch, strengthen remainder	Hold fast, preserve crown	Buy gold, clothes, eye ointment
Warning	Lampstand will be removed	х	Will fight with sword of mouth	Jezebel into sickbed, children killed	I will come as thief if you do not watch	х	I will spit you out; rebuke and punishment
What You Have	My hatred for Nicolaitans	Tribulation coming	Also have ones with Nicolaitans doctrine	Rest do not have false doctrine, not Satanic depths	A name as alive, but dead (and see above)	A little strength, My word and name	Not what you think you have
Overcomers Reward	Eat from tree of life	Not hurt by second death	Hidden manna, white stone	Power over nations; morning star	Clothed in white, name in book, confessed	Made pillar, inscribed with new name	Sit on my throne
Other Promises	X	Eternal life to ones faithful to death	X	Rest are given no other burden	Undefiled ones will walk in white	Submission of false Jews; Kept from hour of trial	Eat with those who open door













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#### Matthew 24

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Signs of the End Times

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<sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

# The ONLY church Jesus has or wants is the collection of individuals that LOVE HIM above ALL else and love each other as He loves us.

#### Mark 12

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<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

#### **Deuteronomy 6**

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<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Understand, O Israel: Yahweh alone is our God. -- mixed translations

<sup>5</sup> Love the LORD (YAHWEH) your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

<sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

#### **Leviticus 19**

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<sup>18</sup> "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

#### John 13

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Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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<sup>34</sup> "A <u>new command</u> I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

## **Greek words for "Love"**

Agape	Selfless altruistic love, spiritual, unconditional, the love of God for man and of man for a good God.		
Eros	Passionate, romantic love		
Ludus	Love of one's team		
Storge	Affectionate, long-term love that develops from friends among family		
Pragma	Pragmatic love, love created by the mind not the heart.		
Mania	Obsessive love, possessive and jealous		
Philia	Brotherly love: to be a friend to (fond of (an individual or an object)), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling		
Philautia	Self love		
Xenia	guest-friendship, hospitality		
Philarguria	love of money, avarice		

it is not rude it is not self-seeking it is not easily angered it keeps no record of wrongs it does not delight in evil it rejoices with the truth it always Protects it always Trusts it always Hopes it always Perseveres

1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

#### John 21 New International Version (NIV)

#### Jesus Reinstates Peter

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

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# Acts 19 New International Version (NIV) Paul in Ephesus

**19** While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples <sup>2</sup> and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when<sup>[a]</sup> you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

- <sup>3</sup> So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"
- "John's baptism," they replied.

<sup>4</sup> Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues<sup>[b]</sup> and prophesied. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

#### John 14

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Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.