

## Revelation 22:6-21

### Conclusion: Jesus is Coming

#### Revelation 22:6-9 – Worship Matters

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” <sup>7</sup> “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” <sup>8</sup> I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

- Jesus: I am coming soon!
  - Coming soon? Doesn’t seem like it.
  - 2 Peter 3:9 (CSB): *The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.*
- Worship God Alone!
  - Who and how we worship matters.
  - Exodus 20:3-4 (CSB): <sup>3</sup> *Do not have other gods besides me.* <sup>4</sup> *Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth.* <sup>5</sup> *Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, bringing the consequences of the fathers’ iniquity on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me,* <sup>6</sup> *but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands.*
  - 1 Corinthians 14:40 (CSB): *But everything is to be done decently and in order.*

#### Revelation 22:10-13 – Jesus Is

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup> Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.” <sup>12</sup> “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

- Jesus: I am coming soon!
  - Anything repeated in Scripture is a big deal. Jesus repeats again that He is coming. The White Throne judgement...the lake of fire...the new heavens and the new earth – these things are hyperbole. These things are a reality that most certainly will come to pass.
- Jesus: I am the Alpha and Omega – First and Last – Beginning and the End
  - Everything begins and ends with Jesus. Our faith...our hope...our joy...our righteousness...truth.
  - John 14:6 (CSB): *Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

## Revelation 22:14-17 – Come to Jesus

<sup>14</sup> “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.” <sup>17</sup> Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

- The Holy Spirit and the Church join together and declare...COME! Come...what’s that mean. Come to Jesus.

**Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB):** <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**2 Corinthians 5:11-15 (CSB):** <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your consciences. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you may have a reply for those who take pride in outward appearance rather than in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are out of our mind, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised.

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (CSB):** <sup>19</sup> Although I am free from all and not anyone’s slave, I have made myself a slave to everyone, in order to win more people. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win Jews; to those under the law, like one under the law—though I myself am not under the law—to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those who are without the law, like one without the law—though I am not without God’s law but under the law of Christ—to win those without the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some. <sup>23</sup> Now I do all this because of the gospel, so that I may share in the blessings.

- There should be a desperate, deliberate effort by believers to share the gospel with all people. And specifically, we are calling on people to come to Jesus. Not come to a church...a religion...a location... but come to a person named Jesus.

## Revelation 22:18-21 – God has Spoken

<sup>18</sup> I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book. <sup>20</sup> He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.

- We are directly commanded not to change the book of Revelation. We don’t add or take away from these prophecies. Meaning...the lake of fire is real and will really be experienced and the new Jerusalem is real and will really be experienced. Most importantly, Jesus is coming.
- Jesus: Yes, I am coming soon!
  - John’s Response: Amen (truly)! Come, Lord Jesus!
    - Grace be with everyone. Amen (truly).
      - We absolutely need the grace of God. Especially in light of His holiness.