

The Kindling of the Fire

Revelation 1-5

What is Revelation?:

- Revelation has 3 types of writing:
 1. Apocalyptic
 2. Prophetic
 3. Epistle to Literal Churches
- It is a Revelation - given to unveil, or make known
- Of Jesus Christ - God's Savior and the Anointed One
- About what must soon take place - the end is always near

Transmission of the book: (v1-2)

God - Jesus
Jesus - Angel
Angel - John
John - Us

Its Author: John, exiled to an island called Patmos.

I. A proper picture of JESUS. (Revelation 1)

- A. See Jesus as the ever-present, and ever-returning One. (v4-8)
- B. See Jesus as the All-Triumphant, All-Powerful One. (v12-20)

II. A proper posture of REPENTANCE (Revelation 2-3)

A. The Seven Letters in Revelation 2-3 contain who Jesus is, what Jesus LOVES about these churches, and what he LOATHES about these churches.

Seven Churches Overview:

Ephesus (2:1-7): They have abandoned their first love.

Smyrna (2:8-11): Encouragement

Pergamum (2:12-17): They have adjoined Christ to the world and believed a false view of grace.

Thyatira:(2:18-29) Tolerance - the love for truth has gone cold.

Sardis:(3:1-6) Looks can be deceiving – they appear alive, but they're actually dead.

Philadelphia (3:7-13) - Encouragement

Laodicea (3:14-22) - Lukewarm Christianity

B. The overwhelming word from Jesus to each of these churches is, "be zealous, and repent."
(Revelation 3:19)

III. A proper perspective of WORSHIP (Revelation 4-5)

A. Worship God as Creator (Revelation 4:11)

B. Worship God as Redeemer (Revelation 5:9)