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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) What is the title Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 2) Who wrote it? <u>John</u>
- 3) Where was it written from? Patmos
- 4) To Whom was it written? The Seven Churches
- 5) When was it written? <u>A.D. 95</u>
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? 3 part outline
- 7) How was it delivered <u>Seven steps</u>
- 8) Why was it written? Encouragement and holiness
- What is it about? <u>Jesus' final victory</u>
- 10) What makes the book different? OT relationship

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Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)

- Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)



Revelation 1:19 "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things [meta tauta]."

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Revelation 1:19

- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



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Pattern of the Letters in Revelation 2-3

- 1. Destination
- 2. Description of Christ (Rev. 1)
- 3. Commendation
- 4. Rebuke
- 5. Exhortation to change
- 6. Consequence
- 7. Exhortation to listen
- 8. Promise to overcomers (Rev. 21–22)

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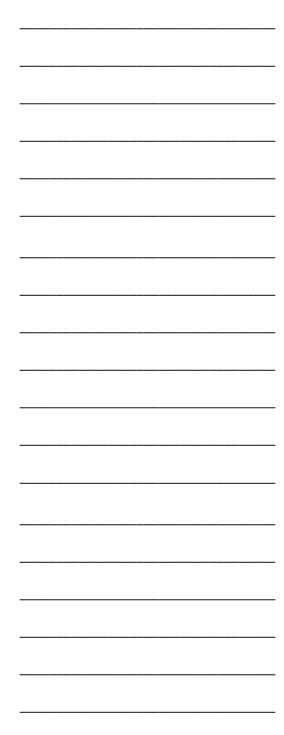
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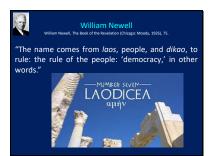
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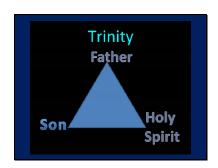
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John 10:27-29

"²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will **never perish** [ou me; aiōnia]; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁸ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and <u>no one is able to snatch them</u> out of the Father's hand."



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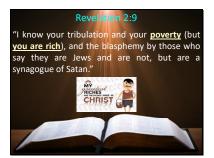
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[A] serious Arminian error respecting this doctrine occurs when repentance is added to faith or believing as a condition of salvation. It is true that repentance can very well be required as a condition of salvation, but then only because the change of mind which...has been involved when turning from every other confidence to the one needful trust in Christ. Such turning about, of course, cannot be achieved without a change of mind.



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This vital newness of mind is a part of believing, after all, and therefore it may be and is used as a synonym for believing at times (cf. Acts 17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Tim. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance nevertheless cannot be added to believing as a condition of salvation, because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

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Three Tenses of Salvation							
Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification				
Tense	Past	Present	Future				
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence				
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10				

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1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (NASB)

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John 15:4-5 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.." (NASB)

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Revelation 2:22-23

"Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds."

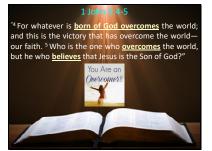
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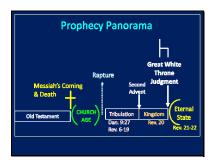
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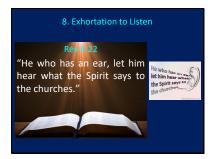






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Deuteronomy 6:4-7 4 "Hear, O Israel! The Loro is our God, the Loro is one!...⁵ These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."



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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

John 1:3-All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Col. 1:15-17-¹⁵ [w] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For [x] by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. The [x] is before all things, and in Him all things [z] hold together.

Heb. 1:2-in these last days has spoken to us ^[b]in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ^[c]world.

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John 2:23-25-²³ Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.²⁴ But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, ²⁵ and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

Matt. 5:13-You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how ^[e]can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

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Deut. 8:11-14-1 "[c] Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and

His statutes which I am commanding you today; ¹² otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*, ¹³ and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, ¹⁴ then your heart will become ^[d]proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ^[e]slavery.

Matt. 19:23-24-²³ And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

1 Tim. 6:17-Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

Prov. 30:8-9-Keep deception and [c] lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion, ⁹ That I not be full and deny *You* and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.

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1 Pet. 1:6-7-⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various ^[c]trials, ⁷ so that the ^[d]proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which ^[e]is perishable, even though tested by

fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 12:7-10-⁷ Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to [b]torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸ Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast [c] about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with [d] insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Isa. 64:6-For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Galatians 3:3-Are you so foolish? Having begun [d] by the Spirit, are you now [e] being perfected by the flesh?

Philip. 3:9-and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith.

1 Cor. 2:14-But ^[f]a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually ^[g]appraised.

1 John 2:20-But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

1 John 2:27-As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, ^[i]you abide in Him.

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Rom. 10:2-For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

1 Kgs. 18:28-So they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them.

John 16:2-They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

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Acts 16:30-31-and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.

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Prov. 13:24-He who withholds his rod hates his son, But he who loves him [t]disciplines him diligently.

1 Cor. 11:30-31-³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number [s] sleep.³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.

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Rev. 2:26-27-²⁶ He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE ^[o]NATIONS; ²⁷ AND HE SHALL^[p]RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father.

1 Cor. 6:3-Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more matters of this life?

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.