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THE CHURCH AT STUDY
Wednesday, July 5, 2011
7 PM - 8:30 PM

AS E E I N G T H I N G S S H O R T L Y T O C O M E T O P A S S @
Revelation 1:1-3

INTRODUCTION

The Hope of Scripture Study Sessions is to uncover, reveal and make clear the Teachings of The Word of God. The result is as the Lifting of the Curtain of Blindness so all who see can see alike what is Uncovered or Revealed (John 5:39-47; 2 Tim. 2:15-26; 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21). Therefore, the time is at hand for The Church of God to Rightly Divide The Word of Truth. Seek, You will Find The Truth. Search the Scripture and Your Understanding will be Opened to Clarity and not confusion. See, Believe by Bowing Beneath The Will Of God for your Conduct.

The Study of the OT Book of Daniel, the NT Book of Revelation and other Supportive Scripture is to help see things which will shortly come to pass, before Christ=s Return to earth. Also, there is Selective Language and it=s definition with which You should increase and strengthen Your vocabulary.

SELECTIVE LANGUAGE & DEFINITION

- 1) **Eschatology** - the teachings of Scripture that deal with death, resurrection, immortality, the end of the world, final judgment and the future state.
- 2) **Soteriology** - the teachings of Scripture that deal with salvation through Christ Jesus (the permanent change in the old human nature to a New Spiritual Nature)
- 3) **Conversion** - Ais that voluntary change in the mind of the sinner, in which he turns, on the one hand, from sin, and on the other hand, to Christ. This is called regeneration. It is simply man=s turning.@ ASystematic Theology.@ Augustus H. Strong, p.829, Judson Press

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- 4) **Righteousness** - is a Moral Attribute of God belonging to Him as an Infinite Righteous Spirit. It is that quality of holiness in God which must find expression in His condemnation of sin. AThe righteousness of God means essentially the same as His faithfulness, or truthfulness, that which is consistent with His own nature and promises,@ GK. Adikaiosune@. AVines Complete Expository Dictionary,@ W. E. Vines

- 5) **Holiness - Ahagiasmos@: is rendered sanctification. It signifies separation to God; and the conduct befitting those so separated. (Rom. 6:19-22; I Thess. 4:7; I Tim. 2:15; Heb. 12:14; I Cor. 1:30; 2 Thess. 2:13; I Pet. 1:2).**

- 6) **The Church - AA church is a congregation of Christ=s baptized disciples, acknowledging him as their Head, relying on his atoning sacrifice for justification before God, depending in the Holy Spirit for sanctification, united in the belief of the gospel, agreeing to maintain its ordinances and obey it precepts, meeting together for worship, and co-operating for the extension of Christ=s kingdom in the world.@ An abridgment of this definition is, Aa church is a congregation of Christ=s baptized disciples, united in the belief of what he has said, and covenanting to do what he has commanded.@ AChristian Doctrines,@ J. M. Pendleton, p.330, Judson Press**

- 7) **Ages & Dispensations**

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The value of the Book of Revelation cannot be underestimated. Guided by The Holy Spirit, Revelation can be clearly understood.

BLESSED is he that readeth, and they that hear the
Words of this prophecy, and keep those
things which are written therein,
for the time is at hand. @
Revelation 1:3

THERE ARE 7 BLESSEDS (BEATITUDES) IN REVELATION

1. **The Blessing of Obedience**

Revelation 1:3
2. **The Blessing of Eternal Life**

Revelation 14:13
3. **The Blessing of Watching for the Lord's Return**

Revelation 16:15

And Living a Pure Life
4. **The Blessing of Heaven, Being Called To**

Revelation 19:9

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

5.

**The Blessing of the
Resurrection**

Revelation 20:6

**Being Raised From The Dead
Conquering Death & Living Eternally
With Christ**

6.

**The Blessing of
Obedience,**

Revelation 22:7

Heeding the Saying of Revelation

7.

**The Blessing of
Obedience**

**Revelation
22:14**

Keeping all of God's Commands

Blessed is the one who follows the directions in verse 3. The word **Abless@ in the original Greek has in the substance of it's meanings: praise, good speaking, benefits bestowed, acknowledgments of thanks, to cause to prosper, to make happy. You are blessed if you read, hear and keep those things written in the Book of Revelation.**

I READ (TO KNOW)

A.

B.

C.

NOTES:

II HEAR (UNDERSTAND MEANING & MESSAGE)

A.

B.

C.

NOTES:

III OBEY (TO SUBMIT)

A,

B.

C.

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