

Text: Revelation 1:1-3  
Topic: End Times. Imminence.  
Series: Book of Revelation <sup>96-36</sup>

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# What's The Point?

## *Understanding God's Purpose for the Book of Revelation*

1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. (NIV)

### 1. God Wants to Increase Our Knowledge (vv.1-2)

A. About \_\_\_\_\_

B. About \_\_\_\_\_

C. About \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. God Wants to Change Our Lives (v.3)

A. Our \_\_\_\_\_

B. Our \_\_\_\_\_

C. Our \_\_\_\_\_

# Discussion Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message and to prepare you for participation in one of our small group studies.*

1. What excites you most about this new study in the book of Revelation?
2. What big questions do you have regarding the "end times"?
3. What concerns you about the "end times?"
4. Read Revelation 1:13-18. How does this picture of Jesus differ from today's popular portrayal of Christ?

How does Revelation's picture differ from your own concept of Jesus?

5. Sin is the object of God's hatred and wrath throughout the book of Revelation. How do you think a focus on this will change your mind set on sin?
6. Do you live expecting the return of Christ?  
If not, why?
7. How would you live your life differently if you knew that Jesus Christ was returning next Friday evening at 10:07 PM?
8. What practical steps can you take to heighten and maintain a healthy expectation and anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ?