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Now What?

The Results of Confidence in the Message of Revelation

22:6 The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

7 "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. 9 But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

10 Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. 11 Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy." (NIV)

1. **Sure Enough to** _____ (v.6)

2. **Sure Enough to** _____ (vv.7-9)

3. **Sure Enough to** _____ (vv.10-11)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings call the church office (714-489-2600).

1. D. L. Moody once reminded Christians that *"the Bible was not given to increase our knowledge, it was given to change our lives"*. If ever there was a part of the Bible that has been used for the inflation of knowledge to the neglect of life-change it would have to be the book of Revelation. With that in mind, it has been our intention throughout our current series to work hard at insuring that the book of Revelation make a difference in our lives. Take time to itemize some of the changes that you believe God has worked in your life as a result of our study through the book of Revelation.

2. With so much biblical information presented over the months regarding the return of Christ, it is important before we leave our study of this book that we demonstrate a true confidence in the veracity of this event. If we are sure it will happen, then we will live expectantly. How expectant are you of your face to face meeting with Jesus?

What things in life detract from this expectation?

3. Though Jesus is clear that there is to be no "date setting" regarding his coming (Ac.1:6-7), he definitely wants us to live as though it will be at any moment (Lk.12:35-37). How do you think you would live the next few days differently if you knew that Jesus would take you to be with him next Friday afternoon at 3:30 PM? Be specific and describe your attitudes as well as your actions.

Compare that description with how you lived the prior week. What things immediately come to mind that would have, and should have, been handled differently if you were to have lived in light of his imminent return?

4. What makes it so difficult to talk to others about the coming of Christ?

Do you find that this is sometimes even difficult to discuss with Christians? Why do you think that is?

Read Titus 2:13. Be bold and make it a point to talk to someone about what the Bible calls the Christian's "blessed hope" this week. Who will you intentionally purpose to talk to about this before next Sunday?