

Watch or listen to the sermon on the website if you missed it. Turn to the back for an outline of the sermon.

Ice Breaker: Do not answer this out loud. But everyone consider this question in your mind for a few moments: “What is the best possible thing you could imagine happening in the next 10 seconds?”

1. Pastor David pointed out the use of the word recompense in verse 12. What does this mean that Jesus is returning with his recompense with him?
 1. As we conclude our series in Revelation does his bringing recompense speak to believers or unbelievers or both?
2. What recompense will be received by those who have trusted in Christ alone for their righteous standing before God and who have turned from sin to follow him? See Rom 2:6-8, 8:1, Luke 6:35, 2 Tim 4:6-8
 1. And how is it that this reward concept is not simply selfish or a prideful ambition? Give your take on how working for a reward is righteous. See Rev 4:9-11
3. How can we spoil our reward in heaven? Is there a way to do this?
4. Verse 14 tells us that those who have “washed their robes” have the right to eternal life with God.
 1. Consider the following Scriptures and then describe what you think this washing of the robes means: Zech 3:1-7, Is 1:18-20, Lev 16:29-31, 1 John 1:9, Rom 3:21-26.
5. The Revelation closes with a clear theme of longing for the coming of Christ (Rev 22:17-21).
 1. What are some ways that our lifestyle can indicate whether we are longing for his coming or not?
 2. Consider your life and ask yourself, “Does my life give a message to the thirsty about the abundant and glorious free water I have discovered? Or is it mostly silent about this water?”
 3. Searching our hearts may show that we are lulled to sleep by the world far too much. Read Romans 13:8-14 and consider how it might look in our context to bear the armor of light and walk properly as in the daytime.

Sermon Idea: “Be ready because Jesus is coming again.”

I. Jesus is coming again to reward the righteous. (vv 12-13)

- A. True followers of Jesus will receive a reward based on their good works in the Body of Christ.
- B. Eternal rewards based on righteous works are taught throughout the Bible. (Isa 40:10; Jer 17:10; Rom 2:6; 1 Pet 1:17)
- C. Salvation is not in view here.
- D. This is what’s known as the Judgment Seat of Christ. (2 Cor 5:10–11)
- E. What about your rewards? What rewards are you building in heaven?
- F. What are we rewarded for? (Matt 5:12)
- G. Why work for rewards—seems selfish? What will we do with them? (2 Tim 4:7–8; Rev 4:10-11)
- H. Will you live this week with your focus firmly fixed on your rewards in heaven?

II. Jesus is coming again to condemn the unrighteous. (vv 14-15)

- A. Repentance of sins and faith in the Christ is the only way to escape God’s wrath (v 14)
 - 1. Faith in Christ’s sacrifice brings forgiveness of sins.
 - 2. Forgiveness of sins gives eternal life.
- B. Judgment awaits those who refuse to come to the Lord.

III. Jesus offers the free gift of salvation and will save all those who will trust in Him. (vv 16-17; John 7:37–39)