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Three Final Reminders

Christ's Final Words at the End of God's Final Book

22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (NIV)

1. Be _____!

... _____ **are Great!** (vv.12-16)

2. Be _____!

... _____ **are Important!** (v.17)

3. Be _____!

... _____ **is Everything!** (vv.18-21)

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. As we come to the end of the book of Revelation Jesus is careful to give his people a word of encouragement regarding their pursuit of godliness. He says in 22:12, "I am coming soon! My reward is with me..." How do those words serve as an encouragement and motivation to you in your current life situation? In what circumstances do you need to remember this promise?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-14. What do you think about the current "quality" of the work you are doing for Christ? How do you think you can improve in building for eternity?

2. Jesus reminds us that access to this place of favor and blessing that has been discussed in the previous two chapters is attained by those who "wash their robes". This is a reference to the same concept that was presented to us in Revelation 7:14 ("*...they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*"). Are you sure that "your robes have been washed" and that you are a real Christian? How do you know this is true of you?

Read John 13:10-11. How does this make you feel that one of the twelve disciples was "not washed" even though he appeared to everyone else to be?

3. Being vocal for Christ has come up as an application of many principles throughout the book of Revelation. How well are you doing at this?

Read Revelation 22:17. Do you know anyone in your sphere of influence who seems "thirsty"? Who?

What are you going to do about it? When?

4. Revelation 22:18-19 tells us that those who hear the message of the book of Revelation should be careful not to add or subtract from the words of this book. Give an example of how one can add to the message of Revelation and then give an example of how one can subtract from it?
5. Take a few minutes to thank God for all that he has taught you through this study of Revelation. What will you do to remember what you have learned in this study and how will you continue to put those truths to work in your life?