

Revelation is in His Hands
Revelation 5:1-14, Pew Bible p. 967-968
December 1, 2024

(V. 1-2) It is God's desire to tell us His heart, but His ways are sealed.

(V. 3) The greatest thing in life is knowing God! But apart from Jesus, we cannot know Him.

(V. 4) The more you know God, the more you want to know God more.

(V. 5) We were doomed to live without faith and without God in this world. Then Jesus comes.

(V. 6) Jesus is worthy to reveal God to us because He was slain.

(V. 7-8) Our prayers are pleasing to our Lord like sweet incense.

(V. 9) Through Jesus, every tribe and language and nation are redeemed to God

(V. 10) Jesus has redeemed us to God to make us priests.

- Let us imitate Jesus, our great high priest:

- Our high priest intercedes for the lost (Hebrews 7:25)

- Our high priest is holy, blameless, pure, and separate from sinners (Hebrews 7:26).

- Our high priest gives Himself for the spiritual benefit of others (Hebrews 7:27).

(V. 11-14) Knowing Jesus (through discipleship) leads us to worship.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Revelation 5:1-14.
2. What do verses 1-3 say about how difficult it is to figure out the meaning of life without Jesus? What does this tell you about the ability of world religions to reveal God?
3. Have you ever been stuck in your quest to find purpose for your life to the point of tears, as John was in verse 4? Why were you stuck and why was it so sad to you?
4. What makes Jesus the only one qualified to reveal God to the world, according to verses 9-10? What does that tell us about why world religions and belief systems cannot reconcile us to God?
5. What is the relationship between what Jesus has done for us and our worship of Him, according to verses 9-14? How can you be a better worshiper given this relationship?
6. What does this passage tell us about how we can find truth in this life? How can you fill your heart with true revelation rather than revelation that remains sealed?
7. Pray for our church fill our souls with the truth of Jesus Christ, that we may reveal to the world true purpose and meaning. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.

John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for our unsaved family members and our ministry to them during the holiday season.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (Husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Peggy T. (sickness), Mimi M. (health), Mary (cancer surgery), Janet (inoperable brain cancer), uncle of Ashley V. (justice in court case), daughter and grandson of Arlene J (draw closer to God),
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.