

Sermon Guide - Sunday, October 18, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. 666. For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 10 - Final Warning (Revelation 14)

Have you ever noticed how often Christians talk about our sin in the past tense? What do you think it would take for us to talk more about our sins in the present tense, and what would change if we did?

Procrastination - Voluntarily delaying an intended action, despite the expectation that such delays will result in negative consequences

Avoidance - Actively dodging, preventing, or disengaging from situations, thoughts, or feelings perceived as threatening or unpleasant

How have avoidance and procrastination affected your life - especially your relationship with the Lord?

Ephesians 5:15-16 - Be very careful how you live - not as unwise but as wise, **making the most of every opportunity** [literally "**redeeming the time**"], because the days are evil.

Acts 24:25 - As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you."

Hebrews 3:15 - If you hear His voice **today**, *do not harden your hearts*.

What do these passages suggest about the spiritual dangers of procrastination and avoidance?

The First Angel Brings Grace

Rev. 14:6-7 - Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

How is this angel's message actually a sign of God's patience and mercy?

This angel confronts the world with the implied question: *Why do you continue to worship gods of your own making instead of recognizing the God who created you and everything around you?* **Why is this question so hard for most people to answer?**

Think about your own experiences and your relationship with God. **If the Lord ever shows you that you're wrong on an issue you feel deeply about - or if you pray for something you want badly and His answer is "no," how sure are you that you'd still worship and follow Him?**

The Second Angel Brings Truth

Rev. 14:8 - A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

What does "Babylon" represent in the book of Revelation?

What does Babylon ask of its “citizens”? How does the Babylonian worldview differ from the Christian worldview?

Which of Babylon’s ideas, causes, or habits have you come to accept - even though they’re not God’s best for you?

The Third Angel Brings a Final Warning

Rev. 14:9-12 - A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

What is the warning that the third angel delivers, and why is it important for Christians to remember it?

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

What would change about your daily life, your priorities, choices, and habits, if you really believed that one day soon you’ll stand before Jesus to account for all the things you’ve done? What would you do differently?

How does the stark reality of this warning make Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross even more real for us?

Rev. 14:13 - Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

Notice the distinction between those who worship the Beast receiving “no rest day or night” (Rev. 14:11) and those who die in the Lord resting from their labor. **How have you seen life under “Babylon” leading to perpetual restlessness?**

How does this view of death in Rev. 14:13 differ from the way most people think of death and dying?

Rev. 14:14-20 - I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

It’s easy for us to feel afraid or overwhelmed by a warning like this one, but what does God want us to know?

How are His warnings a sign of His grace - especially for people who are prone to procrastination?

Your Notes: