



Park Community Church

GENESIS ————— //

BOOKENDS

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Come, Lord Jesus!
Revelation 22:6-21

Summary

This sermon concludes the book of Revelation, focusing on the final chapter (Revelation 22). The closing words of Revelation are not mere formalities but a direct call to "keep" the words of this book. The recurring phrase "the words of this book" signals that God, through John, is urging believers to let the truths of Revelation actively shape their minds, hearts, and lives, not simply accumulate knowledge about it. The sermon outlines two key questions: why we must keep these words, and how. The "why" centers on the fact that these words are trustworthy and true, and that they address something urgently at stake for all of humanity. The "how" is broken into three main responses: trusting in God's absolute sovereignty, seeing our present situation clearly so we can faithfully endure, and seeing Jesus in all of His saving power so that we place our full hope in Him. The sermon closes with a reminder that keeping these words is not accomplished by sheer willpower but by the grace of Jesus Christ Himself.

Questions

1. Pastor Mike pointed out that the phrase 'the words of this book' appears repeatedly in Revelation 22. Why do you think God places such strong emphasis on what we do with the words of this book, rather than simply what we know about it?
2. The sermon draws a distinction between hearing the words of Revelation and keeping them. What does it look like practically to 'keep' the words of Scripture in your daily life?
3. Pastor Mike described the book of Revelation as 'smelling salts' waking us up from illusion and deception. In what ways do you think our culture lulls Christians into a false sense of comfort or security?
4. Revelation presents God as seated on the throne, sovereign over all of history. How does a genuine belief in God's sovereignty change the way you respond to uncertainty, suffering, or unanswered prayer?
5. The sermon described two kinds of threats Christians face: violent persecution (like the church at Pergamum) and spiritual seduction through comfort and acceptance (like the church at Laodicea). Which of these two threats do you think is more dangerous for Christians in your context today, and why?

6. Revelation 22:17 pictures the Spirit and the Bride calling out to the thirsty to come to Jesus. How does seeing Jesus in His full saving power motivate you to share your faith with others? What holds you back?
7. The grace of Jesus is what enables us to trust God, endure hardship, and keep our hope in Christ. How have you personally experienced the grace of Jesus sustaining you through a difficult season?
8. As this sermon series on Revelation comes to a close, what is one truth from the book that has most shaped or challenged your thinking about God, the world, or your own life?

Application

This week, choose one of the three responses from the sermon and put it into intentional practice. You might spend time each morning reminding yourself of God's sovereignty by reading a psalm that declares His kingship. You might reflect honestly on where comfort or cultural pressure is pulling you away from faithful endurance. Or you might look for one specific opportunity to point someone who seems spiritually thirsty toward Jesus. At your next group, share what you chose and what you experienced.

Key Takeaways

1. The words of Revelation are trustworthy and true, describing reality as it actually is and will be. We must not treat them as fantasy or distant theology but as a living word that demands a response.
2. Keeping the words of this book means letting them actively shape our thinking and living, not just adding information to our minds.
3. Trusting in God's absolute sovereignty is foundational. He governs all of history from eternity past to eternity future, and his timing reflects his patience and purpose, not slowness or failure.
4. Seeing our present situation clearly is essential for faithful endurance. Christians live in a spiritual war zone, and Revelation prepares us to face hardship, opposition, and subtle seduction with calm courage rather than being caught off guard.
5. Seeing Jesus in all of His saving power is the heart of keeping these words. He is the Lamb who takes away sin, the conquering King who defeats evil, and the faithful husband who welcomes home his bride. Our hope for now and for eternity rests entirely in him.