

**Study Questions for the May 15, 2022 Sermon:
“A Letter of Encouragement”
Revelation 1:1-8**

1. Pastor Paul introduced the concept of “Theological Triage”: That doctrines can be categorized as:
 - Level 1: Essential to Christianity. (The Atonement, The Deity of Christ, the Incarnation)
 - Level 2: Not essential, but difficult for those who disagree to regularly worship together. (Who gets Baptized, what is happening during the Lord's supper)
 - Level 3: We can cheerfully agree to disagree. (Music styles, dress codes, chronology of end-times events.)

Assign these issues to the proper category:

- a. Is speaking in tongues an active gift?
 - b. Are there still miraculous healings?
 - c. Can divorced Christians remarry?
 - d. Can women be pastors?
 - e. Pre, post, or mid tribulation rapture?
2. Why did God send an angel to John with the message of Revelation, rather than revealing it to him directly?
 3. The number **7**, when used in scripture, often represents the fullness and completeness of God. Are there any other numbers in scripture have a symbolic meaning?

4. What are the practical applications of the three qualities of Jesus that are given in verse 5?
 - a. Faithful witness.
 - b. Firstborn from the dead.
 - c. Ruler of kings on earth.
5. Verse 6 states that Jesus has made us priests to His God and father.
 - a. What is your understanding of being a priest, as opposed to being a lay person?
 - b. Is there any contradiction in believing that women can be priests, but not Pastors?
6. People will read verse 7 as either an encouragement or a warning. What element of people's relationship with God will determine how they read verse 7?
7. Looking over these 8 verses, what are some of the major ways that Jesus' second coming will differ from His first coming?
8. Pastor suggested we read Zechariah. If you did that, share how it relates to the opening of Revelation.