

The Gospel Of Revelation

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And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

~Revelation 12:11 (ESV)

1) The Gospel Purpose & Form Of The Apocalypse

- A) The purpose of the Apocalypse (Revelation) was to reveal what “must soon take place” (Revelation 1:1, 7-8, 19). The Revelation is of/from Christ (1:1, 10-20) for the church (1:11).
- B) The book of Revelation is written in an “apocalyptic” style of literature. Apocalyptic writing requires interpreting artistic symbols and metaphors as representative of real life (spiritual and earthly) truths.

2) Traveling Through The Gospel Of Revelation

- A) Revelation moves from earth (Christ & His Church, chs. 1-3) to the heavens (God/Christ/Spirit Enthroned, chs. 4-5) to judgments which flow from heaven to earth (Seals ~ 6, 8:1; Trumpets ~ 8-9; and Bowls ~ 16) and is interspersed with “interludes” providing important Gospel content (7, 10-15).
- C) The focal-verse of Revelation, located in the middle of the book (12:11), emphasizes victory through the blood of Christ, by the Word of testimony in Christ, and through the sacrifice of Christ and His people for the Gospel Mission.

3) Kingdom Come, Will Be Done, On Earth As It Is In Heaven!

- A) As we look to “the end,” do we live with judgment or victory in mind? Armageddon or Heaven? The Earth or His Kingdom? Do we live in the bad news or by the Gospel?