

Revelation 1:1-8

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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Discussion questions

? what struck you most in this talk/ passage? What's the main thing you're going to take away?

? how important is freedom to you?

? do you ever / do you perhaps at the moment feel trapped in some way in life? How do you deal with that?

? what does it mean that we are freed 'by his blood'?

? what difference does it make seeing yourself as a priest?

FREEDOM Set free from sin Revelation 1:5-6

Set free FROM sin

Set free BY blood

Set free FOR service

Set free IN love