



# SERMON NOTES

Week 2 September 29, 2024

## "Redemption's Call"

2 Corinthians 5:20-21; Revelation 5:9-10;  
Revelation 21:1-5



### I. Introduction

- A. The Bible's final book is the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ which contains John's vision of the events of the End Times, Christ's call for redemption, and glimpses into Heaven.
- B. God promised to \_\_\_\_\_ with the people via the promise of a Messiah.
- C. In John's vision, one of the great messages he heard was that God's dwelling place would be among the \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. God is Praiseworthy

- A. Amid the redeeming work, the people of God have praised the Lord because Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to take away the sins of the world.
- B. God is \_\_\_\_\_ of our praise for many reasons including healing us when we are sick, never leaving us nor forsaking us and more.
- C. The Psalmist declared that \_\_\_\_\_ that has life should praise the Lord.

### III. God is Calling

- A. The Apostle Paul saw himself and all believers as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to the world (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- B. While aspects of Revelation can range from hard to understand to downright scary, the echoing message is that God is \_\_\_\_\_ people to be saved.
- C. If God is calling, will \_\_\_\_\_ answer?

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *Sep. 30 – Oct. 5, 2024*

## INTRODUCTION

The major themes of the Bible extend from cover-to-cover. Having looked at the trends at the beginning of the Bible, we move to those at its conclusion. The final book of the Bible, Revelation - while difficult to understand in some parts - continues God's call to rescue humanity from sin. The call for redemption exists until the last possible second. Let us study this word and hear the call anew.

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### Monday: Matthew 19:23-26

Last week, we examined the disciples' question "who can be saved?" In hearing Jesus' response, how do we see the power of God at work in us, our community, and world? With God's help, what seemingly impossible things are being accomplished?

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### Tuesday: Luke 2:28-32

A baby's smile can instill us with joy even on the roughest of days. How much more so when that smile is coming from the infant Jesus? Simeon's joy is beyond anything he has felt before because God's promise has come true: he has seen the Messiah. Like Simeon's joy, what people or events do you continually thank God for?

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### Wednesday: Lyrics from "Abide with Me"

Hymns and praise songs can often speak to us in profound ways. You are invited to reflect upon the lyrics to "Abide with Me" found in the United Methodist Hymnal, #700, or via many hymnal websites (such as [https://hymnary.org/text/abide\\_with\\_me\\_fast\\_falls\\_the\\_eventide](https://hymnary.org/text/abide_with_me_fast_falls_the_eventide)). God abides with in good and bad times. Let us reflect and give thanks for our God who never leaves nor forsakes us.

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### Thursday: John 3:16-17

What could God's motivation be to save humanity? Our track record of faithfulness leaves much to be desired. We turn on the Lord and each other. What, then, motivates the divine to offer salvation to us? Reflect upon the words of John's Gospel and see the amazing reason God came to earth to save us from all our sins.

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### Friday: Revelation 22:17, 20-21

Just as opening words are important, so too are the closing words of the Bible. We often end worship and other services with a blessing or benediction. How do you understand the final words of the Book of Revelation? What emotions come to you as you read and meditate on these words? How can they aid you in your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

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## MOVING FORWARD

The Bible is ours to study forever. We can return to it and find new instruction for daily living, conviction when we go astray, and hope for the future. Go forth eager to see other trends in the Scriptures. Look for God's consistent love, grace, and presence wherever you go. In your praise and worship, prayers and petitions, and quiet contemplation, consider how you might add honor the One who makes our redemption possible.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Revelation B) abide, C) people. IIA) died, B) worthy, C) everything. IIIA) ambassadors, B) calling, C) you.*