

**MAPLE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT  
BIBLE STUDY - The Revelation - Sunday January 2, 2022**

**Revelation 22:6-21 - "The Epilogue"**

These last verses form the epilogue, or the "bookends," to the entire Revelation. The "front side of the bookends" is Revelation 1:1-3. In these verses, John concludes with the responses every Christian should have to the imminent return of Jesus Christ, and the sense of urgency that should accompany this response. He then concludes by one last invitation.

**The Believer's Response to Christ's Imminent Return (vv.6-12)**

The reality of our Lord's imminent return calls for four responses on the part of every believer:

**1. *Immediate obedience (v. 7)***

Jesus blesses those who "keep" the words of the prophecy of this Book. To "keep" means to \_\_\_\_\_.

This brings up the larger question of why God gave us the Revelation. Now that we are finishing the study, what do you think? \_\_\_\_\_.

Peter understood that a believer's knowledge of end times should make him or her live a holy life. 2 Peter 3:11-12;14.

**2. *Immediate Worship (vv. 8-9)***

What does John say he did when he saw these things? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why did the angel say not to do that? \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. *Immediate Proclamation (vv.10-11)***

The message of the Apocalypse is the unveiling of Jesus Christ. Take a look at verse 11. What does the Angel's statement mean? \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. *Immediate Service (v. 12)***

This is the reference to the reward of believers in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.

The knowledge that Jesus Christ could return at any moment should not lead Christians to a life of idle waiting for His coming, but should produce diligent, obedient, worshipful service to God and urgent proclamation of the Gospel to unbelievers.

### *The Last Invitations (vv. 13-21)*

#### *1. Blessing of Obedience (vv. 13-16)*

#### *2. Two Distinct Invitations (v. 17)*

There are two distinct invitations here, each one introduced by the exclamation “Come”:

- a. The first invitation from the spirit and the bride is to Christ, for Him to come as he has promised. Believers are those who, according to Paul, love His \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Timothy 4:8
- b. The second is for sinners to come to faith in Christ. John says that the thirsty should “come,” and the one who “desires, let him take of the water freely.” This is also translated “without cost.” Compare this to Isaiah 55:1

#### *3. A Warning (v. 18)*

The Bible reaffirms its truthfulness, just like it did in Revelation 22:6. The warning not to tamper with the prophecy applies first to the Book of the Revelation. But, understand this command applies to all Scripture. See Deuteronomy 4:2

#### *4. The Certainty of Christ’s Return*

These are the last recorded words of Jesus Christ – “Surely I am coming quickly”

John responds for all believers when he says: “Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

The last words of verse 21 are fitting – they are an expression of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ toward fallen humanity.