## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## **MORNING MESSAGE**

"The Key That Unlocks the Revelation"

## Revelation 1:19

- I. THE PAST "the things which thou has seen"
  - A. The past is recorded in Revelation 1
    - 1. The writer (1:9-10a)
      - a. Notice his person "John"
      - b. Notice his posture "your brother and companion"
      - c. Notice his perseverance "patience"
      - d. Notice his place "the isle that is called Patmos"
      - e. Notice his persecution "for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ"
      - f. Notice his priority "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day"
    - 2. The wonder (1:10b-16)
      - a. He heard a voice
      - b. He saw a vision His clothes (v.13); His character (vv.14-16a); His countenance (v.16b)
    - 3. The worship (1:17a)
- II. THE PRESENT "the things which are"
  - A. The present is recorded in Revelation 2-3
    - 1. The author (1:11) "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last"
    - 2. The audience (2:1,8,12,18; 3:1,7,14)
      - a. Ephesus is the loveless church
      - b. Smyrna is the loyal church
      - c. Pergamos is the liberal church
      - d. Thyatira is the lenient church
      - e. Sardis is the lifeless church
      - f. Philadelphia is the loved church
      - g. Laodicea is the lost church
    - 3. The application

- a. They are real churches
- b. They are representative churches
- c. They are revealing churches
- III. THE PROSPECTIVE "the things which shall be hereafter"
  - A. The prospective is recorded in Revelation 4-22
    - 1. The rapture (4:1)
    - 2. The retribution (7:14)
    - 3. The return (19:11)