SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“The Holy Spirit and the Bible”

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

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Main Point: Six characteristics of the six seals in Revelation 6.

Introduction

- List some reasons why it is important to study the book of Revelation. List any scriptures that support your answer.

- What is the central message of the book of Revelation?

Understanding

1. **Deception. Read Revelation 6:1-2.**

    a. Why would some interpret verses 1 and 2 as Christ?

    b. What evidence do these verses contain that show that the rider on the white horse is **NOT** Christ? If not Christ, who is the rider?

    c. When will the antichrist appear?

2. **War. Read Revelation 6:3-4.**

    a. When the second seal opens what is revealed?

    b. With the removal of peace from the earth, what is the natural consequence?

    c. How does Matthew 24:7 lend support to Revelation 6:3-4?

3. **Famine. Read Revelation 6:5-6.**

    a. What do the scales in verse 5 represent?

    b. Explain what is meant in verse 6 about the price of food?

    c. How would those living on the earth respond to the famine in the land? Would it be peaceful?

    d. Why would the oil and wine be protected?

4. **Death. Read Revelation 6:7-8.**

    a. In verse 7 the rider of the pale horse brought death and Hades followed him. How is Hades interpreted in this verse?

    b. Who gives the authority in verse 8 to kill?

    c. Why would God let all of the events brought by the four riders happen?

5. **Martyrdom. Read Revelation 6:9-11.**

    a. How would you describe in your own words the scene that unfolded when the fifth seal was opened?

    b. The souls under the altar are martyred Christians, persecuted and killed for their faith. Who are some ancient and modern day martyrs that you have read about?

    c. What are the reasons from verse 9 that these Christians were martyred? Consider your own life, what would be the evidence that you were a follower of Christ?

6. **Terror. Read Revelation 6:12-17.**

    a. Why would a good and loving God allow these terrible things to happen?

    b. What implications do you draw from the listing of the various groups in verse 15 who "hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains?"

    c. Were the people in verses 16 and 17 repentant or frightened? Explain.

Application

- How does reading passages like Revelation 6 inspire you to go out and share the gospel with those who don't yet know Jesus?