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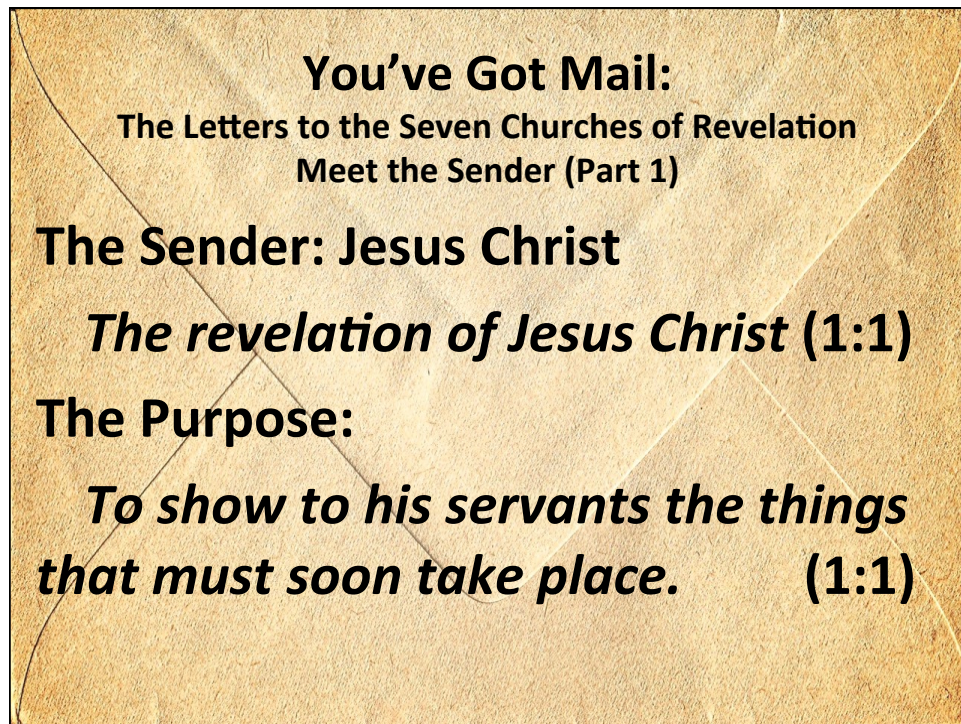
A Series of Messages Based  
On the Letters to the Seven Churches  
Of Revelation

*Meet the Sender (Part 1)*

## **Revelation 1:1-8 (English Standard Version)**

***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.***





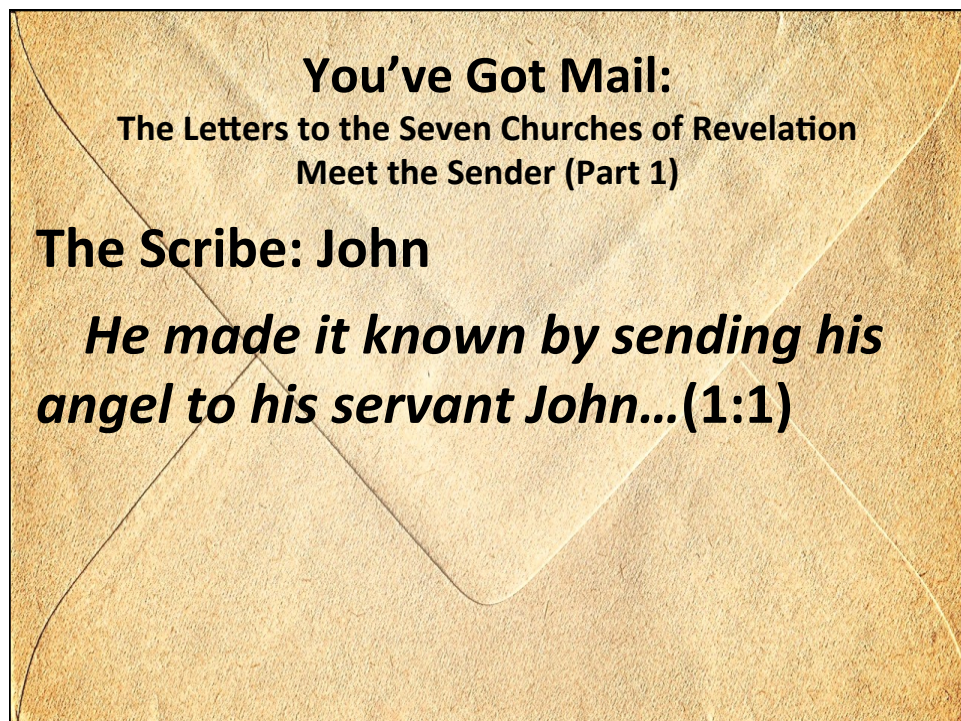
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**The Sender: Jesus Christ**

*The revelation of Jesus Christ (1:1)*

**The Purpose:**

*To show to his servants the things that must soon take place. (1:1)*



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**The Scribe: John**

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### **John's Credentials:**

***Who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. (1:2)***

***He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.***

**John 19:35 (ESV)**

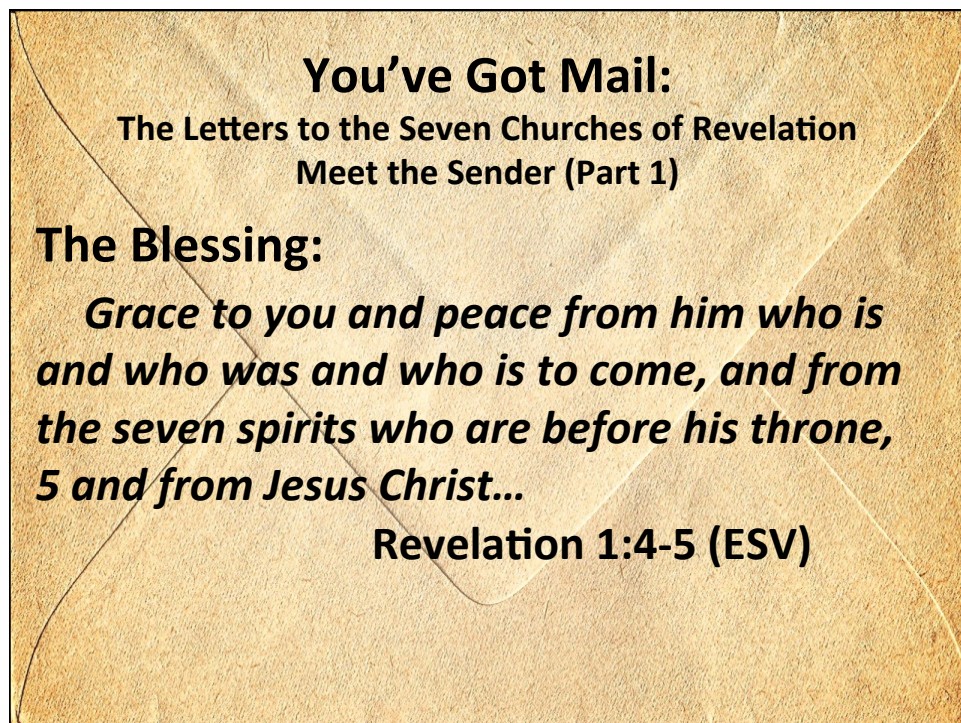
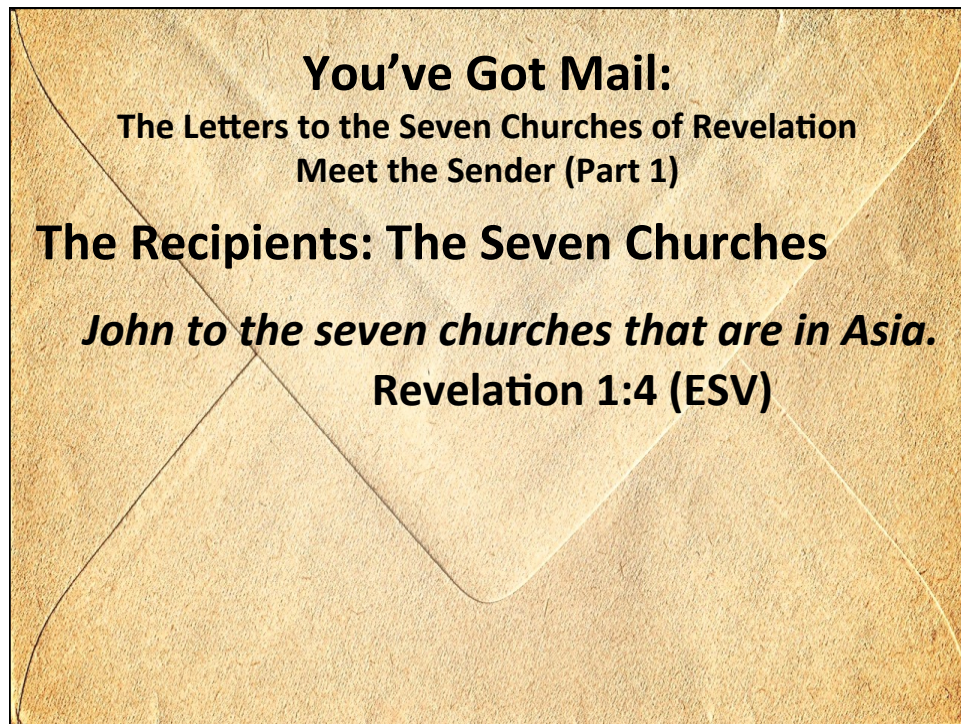
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### **The Purpose: Obedience**

***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. (1:3)***







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**The Blessing:**

*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...* Revelation 1:4-5 (ESV)

**The Eternal God:**

*Who is and who was and who is to come...*

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*...and from the seven spirits who are before his throne...*



**Isaiah 11:2 (ESV)**

- ① **And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,**
- ② **the Spirit of wisdom**
- ③ **and understanding,**
- ④ **the Spirit of counsel**
- ⑤ **and might,**
- ⑥ **the Spirit of knowledge**
- ⑦ **and the fear of the Lord.**

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**Descriptions of the Sender: Jesus Christ**

**1. Who He Is, Revelation 1:5 (ESV)**

- ① The faithful witness,
- ② the firstborn of the dead,
- ③ and the ruler of kings on earth.

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**2. What He Did, Revelation 1:5-6 (ESV)**

- ① To him who loves us
- ② and has freed us from our sins by his blood
- ③ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father.



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#### **3. What He Will Do, Revelation 1:7 (ESV)**

- ① Behold, he is coming with the clouds,**
- ② and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him,**
- ③ and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.**

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### **God's Guarantee of These Events**

***"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 (ESV)***

- Omniscience – All Knowing**
- Eternal – Always Present**
- Omnipotent – Almighty**



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### **Our Response: Obedience**

***Blessed is the one who reads...those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. Revelation 1:3 (ESV)***

**① Receive His Grace and Peace**

***Grace to you and peace...***

**Revelation 1:4 (ESV)**

***To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...***

**Revelation 1:5**



***Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

**Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV)**

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#### **② Serve God as a Community**

***[Him who] made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father...***

**Revelation 1:6 (ESV)**



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#### **③ Glorify Christ**

***To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

**Revelation 1:6 (ESV)**

**Warn of a Blizzard  
*Everyone Prepares***

**Warn of the the Second Coming of God's Son  
*Most Ignore It***

**What About You?**

**Me?**

**Us?**