

# Revelation 1:4 — Grace and Peace from God, Part 1

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## Introduction

- Review v. 1-3:
  - Person of Revelation: Jesus Christ,
  - Purpose of Revelation: to show His servants,
  - Power of Revelation: the word of God,
  - Promise of Revelation: Blessed are those who hear and obey.
- John then identifies Himself and His recipients and greets them with a blessing.
- Read v. 4-8, and introduce the two main points.

## 1 The blessing of grace and peace

### 1.1 What is the blessing?

- We can ask if the blessing is
  - a well-wishing? No.
  - a prayer? No.

- referring to some past or future event? No.
  - the letter itself? Yes.
- Revelation itself is grace and peace to believers.
  - In a way, John is saying “Grace to you and peace” while thrusting the letter into our hands.
- John tells us what category the letter belongs in, and what effect it should have in our lives, namely grace and peace.
  - Not fear and anxiety, or
  - distress and mourning.

## 1.2 Why are these important?

- These are two of the most dire needs of the believer.
  - Grace: Undeserved favor from God.
  - Peace: Steadfastness in trials.
- In what areas of your life do you most need grace and peace?
  - In a family or marriage relationship?
  - In a difficult situation at work?
  - Dealing with a besetting sin?
  - Health issue?
- John tells us that the source of grace and peace is God.
  - That is to say Revelation is grace and peace to us because it points us to God.
- And so our most dire need is to know God, worship God, and obey God.
  - John immediately gives us help in this passage by showing us who God is.

## 2 The source of grace and peace

- The source of grace and peace is the triune God.
- We will focus on the Father
  - The phrase “Him who is and who was and who is to come” is unique to Revelation.
  - Pregnant with meaning and endless in glory.
- Points us to at least 3 truths about God,
  - that He is eternal,
  - that He is transcendent,
  - that He is self-existent.