

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“Fear Not!”

Revelation 1:17-18

- I. FEAR NOT – I AM ALWAYS (v.17b)
 - A. Jesus said, “I am the first and the last”
 1. There has never been a time when Jesus did not exist
 - a. “First” is a reference to His pre-existence
 - b. He existed before Abraham; John 8:58, “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am”
 - c. He existed before creation; Colossians 2:16, “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible...all things were created by him, and for him”
 2. There will never be a time when Jesus will cease to exist
 - a. “Last” is a reference to His eternal existence
 - b. Hebrews 7:3, “Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life”
- II. FEAR NOT – I AM ALIVE (v.18a)
 - A. Jesus said, “I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen”
 1. Jesus is alive
 - a. John 1:4, “In him was life; and the life was the light of men”
 - b. John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life”
 2. Jesus was dead
 - a. John 10:17b-18, “I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again”
 3. Jesus is alive for evermore
 - a. “Behold” is a word astonishment
- III. FEAR NOT – I AM ALL AUTHORITY (v.18b)
 - A. Jesus said, “I have the keys of hell and death”
 1. Jesus has the keys
 - a. Keys are a symbol of authority
 2. Jesus has the key to hell
 - a. “Hell” translates the Greek word “hades”; the realm of the dead
 3. Jesus has the key to death
 - a. This speaks of physical death; the separation of the soul from the body