

Passage: Revelation 1:1~8

Sermon Title: How God becomes our ground of peace, even in the midst of life's sufferings.

Intro.

What is your perception on the book of Revelation? Is it a book, that you try to avoid in your bible reading plan due to the difficulties you may encounter in understanding the text? Or perhaps, like many, you may be frightened of the graphic prophecies written in it? Whatever perceptions you may have, I would like to affirm that the book of Revelation is one of the best books in the Bible that reveals the majesty, authority and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, based on this understanding of Jesus' glory and power, the book of Revelation aims to provide a great ground of comfort and security for Christians in hardship. So, for this sermon, I will aim to explore how the passage becomes our grounds of comfort and peace.

1. Understanding God's sovereign power.

- **Today's passage first, well reveals the sovereign power of our God.**
 - v.4 "who is and who was and who is to come"
 - v.4 "seven spirits who are before his throne"
 - v.5 "the ruler of kings of earth"
 - v.8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega"

- **How this understanding of God's sovereign power comforts us.**
 - It is God who cares for His people, in His sovereign power.
 - It is God who will bring an end to our suffering.

2. How God lead His people into a path of blessing.

- **V1. God who "reveals"**

- **He accordingly revealed the way of blessing through Christ.**
 - V.3 "Blessed is the one."
 - V.4 "Grace to you and peace from Him"
 - V.5 "has freed us from our sins by his blood"