STUDIES IN <u>REVELATION</u> (the Biblical Book) GRACE GOSPEL CHAPEL SPRING, 1981

I. A few notes introducing our subject and method

- A. The Book of Revelation is certainly one of the most important in the New Testament with regard to what the Lord will do and is doing respecting the churches and the world. It is a favorite book of prophecy teachers and tells more of events at the end of the age than any other single book. It is marked with a special blessing for those who read it, hear it, and do its teachings and this, if nothing else, would suggest its importance.
- B. It is not so easily studied as is sometimes assumed. The speech figures, visions, etc., do not make it a book quickly understood. Therefore we are using a slightly different method of study for our Wednesday Bible hour by presenting the main features of Revelation in broad outlined form with the appropriate discussion following.
- C. Our survey is calculated for nine weeks taking the chapters of Revelation in units 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-18, 19-20, 21-22 pernight.
- D. Background Materials:
 - 1. Revelation Outlines:

--The prophetic outline from Revelation 1:19

I. The Things you have seen, chapter 1

- II. The Things that are, chapters 2-3
- III. The things to be hereafter, chapter 4-22

--The Christological Content outline

I. The Risen Christ is Lord of the church, 1-3 II. The Sacrificed Lamb is Lord of the Nations, 4-19 III. The Victorious Saviour is Lord of Lords, 20-22

- 2. Date of Writing: probably 95-96 AD
- 3. Theme: the revealing of the Lord Jesus in His varied roles as affects church and world.
- 4. Author: John the Apostle...the most intimate of the disciples, I suppose, with a keen understanding of spiritual things. A study of his relationship with Christ during the Lord's ministry is a very rewarding study...which we shall not make at this time.