What We Believe, part 4
Daniel 2:20-23, 36-45; Revelation 5:1-14

I. The Dream of Nebuchadnezzar

- A. The dream (see Daniel 3)
- B. Daniel's prayer to the God of wisdom and might
- C. The revelation of the course of history

II. The Vision of John the Apostle

- A. The scroll
- B. Those who weep (see Luke 6:21b)
- C. The one who is worthy to open the scroll (see Genesis 49:9; Isaiah II:1, 10; Romans 15:12; Revelation 22:16; Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15; Zechariah 1:7-II; 4:1-2, 10b)
- D. "Worthy are you"
- E. Why we worship

III. How the kingship of God in Christ shapes us

- A. We don't believe in "separation of church and state" in the American sense.
- B. Every area of life and society is under the rule of Christ.
- C. We focus on the glory of God, not on our own church.
 - 1. in individuals and families
 - 2. in this city, state, and region
 - 3. in the nations and churches of the world
- D. Our outlook is confident, come what may (see Psalms 2:10-12, 22:27-31; 46:1; 82:1-8; 93:2-4; Revelation 11:15-18)
- E. A covenanted kingdom (see Luke 22:28-30)