

Passage: Revelation 1:13-20

Title: The Glorified Christ

Summary: The only physical description of Jesus in the New Testament is found in our verses today. For us all, see "The Glorified Christ", and our vision will be clear on all thing and everything.

Revelation 1 (NKJV) ¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. ³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. ⁴ John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,

Praise Him

Praise Him for we have a God who reveals Himself to us

Revelation 1:2 who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

Praise Him

Praise Him for he prepares his people for what this to come.

Praise Him for he entrusted us with a message that is from the very heart of God for us to share with the lost and dying world around us

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Praise Him

Praise Him, for the “Promised Blessing” that comes with reading, hearing, and keeping these words.

Revelation 1:4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

Praise Him

Praise Him for he's a God who sends us grace and peace

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Praise Him

Praise Him for Jesus shows us the father who is the faithful witness who loves me and washed me and who is loving me and washing me right now and you as he walks this room

Revelation 1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Praise Him

Praise Him for he makes me something I could never be a king and a priest and I'm not stuck where I am for he is always on the move in my life in your life

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Praise Him

praise Him for he is coming for us Before the tribulation, and then one day we will be coming with Him at the end of the tribulation.

Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Praise Him

Praise Him for He is the everlasting God he is the outlasting God

Revelation 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Praise Him

Praise Him for he's a God who visits us on our Patmos, and praise Him because he gives us the strength through his spirit to not deny Him

John Tells How / Domitian / John Released

John now tells us how he received this revelation. John was sentenced here to die by the Emperor Domitian for his testimony of Jesus Christ. John is approximately 95 years old he is expected to die here, but he doesn't, and after he receives this revelation shortly thereafter he is released (Domitian is killed) and John will spend five more years preaching in Ephesus.

How Church Fair / Maybe Questioned

John must have wondered how the church was going to fair here in the future. In 66AD Rome was burned and blamed on by the Christians, 70AD Jerusalem falls to Titus and the church is no more. John has watched brothers and sisters being fed to lions, and now here John is banished to the Island of Patmos, not being able to comfort them with the words of the Lord. I wonder if John question why after 60 years faithfulness that he is now here at the age of 95, having to do manual laborer, hard labor, in such a horrible circumstances.

Last Years of Life - Easier

In the last years of life wouldn't we expect it to get easier, a place of rest and respect, but John ends up at Patmos, doing grueling labor at the age of 95, at a time when a body has a hard enough time just breathing, let alone laboring.

The Break – Expect - Death

Listen Christian, the break we all long for, maybe even expect, will not come until death, it is important that we know this or else we can find ourselves bitter and questioning, maybe even drifting or walking away from God when hard times befall us.

Redpath / Graham / John

Allen Redpath, one of the greatest preachers who ever lived, (he ended up getting involved in Calvary Chapel's in his later years), he wrote books and preached thousands of sermons. Yet at the age of 83 he was suffering greatly, near his death, he said he now sees that the toughest battles fought, are the ones right before the war is over. We see Billy Graham today at the age of 86, prostate cancer, Parkinson's disease, broken hip, 60 years of preaching and things are not easier for him. Imagine John almost 10 years older than Billy Graham and he's doing manual labor in the Mediterranean heat and sun. The battles are not going to get easier for those who desire to live godly:

(2 Timothy 3:10 NKJV) But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

(2 Timothy 3:11 NKJV) persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

(2 Timothy 3:12 NKJV) Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Tribulum

This word for tribulation in the Latin, is "tribulum", and it was the sled that was dragged over the wheat to separate the wheat from the chaff there on the threshing floor.

Promised Tribulation

Tribulation is a promise for all believers. In John 16 Jesus promised us that in this world we will have tribulation. In the book of Acts we are told that in much tribulation we will enter the kingdom of God.

*(John 16:33 NKJV) "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.**"*

(Acts 14:21 NKJV) And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

*(Acts 14:22 NKJV) strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "**We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.**"*

Origin of Tribulation / First Fallen World

Why so much struggle then for us who have committed our lives to Christ? It is important to understand where the origin of tribulation comes from. First, at the fall sin entered into the world. Once sin entered into a world so did cancer, blindness, natural disasters, and the likes.

Second - Humanity

Secondly, tribulation entered into the world after the fall because of sinning humanity (the human race) who embraces values which are contrary to the Scriptures. It was at the fall that murder, rape, robbery, and the likes entered into the world. And for believers it can be more intense because we can become outcasts, banished, by our friends and family once we come to Jesus Christ.

Third - Satan

And then thirdly Satan sends tribulation our way because he hates us, because when he looks at us, he sees Jesus Christ who has covered us with His blood, and when looks at us, all He can see is the blood of Jesus which reminds him of his defeat there at the cross, and is always seeking to destroy us.

Origin Changes – Rev 6

It is very important to see and understand this. But equally as important to see is that the origin of tribulation changes in chapter 6; right now tribulation comes from Satan, but in chapter 6 the tribulation in the world will no longer come from Satan but it will be directed from God, for it will be God's wrath against a Christ rejecting world.

(Revelation 6:15 NKJV) And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

(Revelation 6:16 NKJV) and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

(Revelation 6:17 NKJV) "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Church not Subject to Tribulation

Hence the church is raptured before the tribulation begins here because the church has not rejected Jesus Christ. We have been bought by the blood of the lamb. To the faithful church in Philadelphia Jesus says:

(Revelation 3:10 NKJV) "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."

Important to Know – Mess up Theology - Walk

It is important for Christians to know the origins of tribulations, for if not it will mess up your theology (current and end times) and your walk. So Christian, don't be surprised when you do what is right and still face adversity and hardship. John is experienced tribulation because of his faithfulness.

John saw in Trib / Sanctified Lonliness

Now it was in tribulation that John saw the revelation of the glorified Christ. Christian, God will allow you periods of sanctified loneliness so the He may give you a special revelation of Himself. Any time we see more of Him, any time He implants more of Himself to us and in us, we will be changed from glory to glory

Did for Moses – Daniel – Paul – Jesus / When He does – Make the Trip

God did it for Moses, Daniel, Paul, John the Baptist, and for Jesus Christ. When He does it to you know that you are in good company. When that time comes, turn and see and make that 5 mile journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. Don't let a trial go to waste, every time you go down be sure to bring something back up with you.

Want to Be Effective Parent

Verse 9 - I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation – John identifies himself to us and them as a brother and companion, not the great apostle. You want to be an effective parent, pastor, mentor, discipler? Identify yourself with the people, let them know that you go through and have gone through the same things they go through. That you have the same struggles, setbacks, heartaches as they do. Beloved, we are in this together, let's walk it out together, and let's finish it together.

Word Made him

Verse 9 - was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. – The Word put him where he was, and the Word made him who he is was.

Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Praise Him

Praise Him for he gives us a Lord's day any day and every day that we draw near to Him in the spirit praise Him because he takes us away to Himself

Spiritually Tuned

John was in the spirit and I do not believe he was referring to Sunday. I believe John was in that place where he had broken through the flesh and is now tuned in to the things of the Lord through the Spirit of God. One reason I believe he is in the spirit and not Sunday because if he was in the flesh and heard the voice of God he would not have become like dead, he would have died. I don't believe any one man's heart could see the glorified and risen Christ in the flesh without having their heart stopped.

Revelation 1:11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Praise Him

Praise Him because he is the alpha and the Omega the first and the last made that pound into our hearts and our mind and may we never be moved by anything in this world regardless of the circumstances or the events that we can hear the pounding of the word I am the alpha the Omega the beginning and the last. Praise Him because he's everything in between in my life in your life and maybe we praise Him and ask Him be my alpha and Omega my first and my last today

Repeats Alpha / God involved in Between / Bring Kids into Remembrance

John repeats the Alpha and Omega again. Why, because people need to understand that it is the Lord who will see them through. He is the beginning and the end, and He is all things going on in between, and presently. God is equally involved in your life at this very moment as He was in your beginning when you got saved, and as sure as He will be there for your end here on earth when you take that last breath. Parents, mentors and disciples, continually bring your children and disciple to the remembrance that God is here – now. The beginning and the end, and everything in between.

Scriptures to Counter the Mormon and Jehovah Witness

Ask a Jehovah's Witness or Mormon the identity of the speaker in this verse, and he'll say it's Jehovah, or God the Father. They will not say it is Jesus, and they will not say or acknowledge that Jesus is God.

- Turn him to Isaiah 41:4, which reads
 - *(Isaiah 41:4 NKJV) Who has performed and done it, Calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first; And with the last I am He.'*
- Then turn him to Isaiah 44:6, which reads:
 - *(Isaiah 44:6 NKJV) "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.'*
- Then turn him to Isaiah 48:12, which reads:
 - *(Isaiah 48:12 NKJV) "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.'*
- Then turn him to Revelation
 - *(Revelation 1:8 NKJV) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*
 - *(Revelation 1:11 NKJV) saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."*
 - *(Revelation 1:17 NKJV) And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."*
 - *(Revelation 21:6 NKJV) And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."*
 - *(Revelation 22:13 NKJV) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."*
 - *(Revelation 22:14 NKJV) Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.*
 - *(Revelation 22:15 NKJV) But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.*
 - *(Revelation 22:16 NKJV) "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."*

- The Jehovah witness will argue that all these still speak of God, and not Jesus, even though it is Jesus speaking in 22:13-16. But the clincher comes back in chapter 2, Jesus is the one who was dead, and rose again:
- *(Revelation 2:8 NKJV) "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:'*

Walter Martin

There's a story told by Pastor Damien Kyle that he heard Walter Martin tell it. Walter has gone on to be with the Lord. I was glad, I'm glad that I got saved at a time where you could still hear Walter Martin on the radio. That guy was tough, man. Was he tough? And he knows his Bible. He knew the Bible. He knew the Book of Mormon, the Pearl of Great Price, Doctrine and Covenants. And he knew the New World Translation of the Jehovah Witnesses. He knew I mean, he knew all of the Hindu holy books and all these kinds of things, so-called holy books and all of this, all these kinds of things. A man what a mind God gave him. And he used to go around and travel and he'd come to churches just like this. He used to have these meetings and go all over the place, and he really maintained control of his meetings. And because, you know, not everybody was happy to hear what he had to say. And, and, and so there was always a question and answer period at the end of it. And he came to the question, the answer period of it. And he tells this story. And a man stood up and he said, in essence, to Walter.

He said, I know that you don't want people to preach or to share here or anything like this. It's for questions. But if you'll bear with me, I think you'll want to hear what I have to say. He said, I don't know if you remember. And it was, but it was. He spoke about many, many years earlier, like 20 years earlier. He said, Walter, you came into the Watchtower organization in Brooklyn, New York. And Walter Martin did early in his ministry before he became famous as kind of the Bible answer man. He thought, I'm going to go visit all these places before they won't let me in later. And it was a good thing he did. And he went into the Watchtower organization and was given a tour of the whole place and everything, and he headed out to the reception desk, and as he was leaving, he talked to the man that was sitting at the reception desk. And he said, he said, if I could show you where Jesus declares himself to be God and the Bible, would you believe him to be God? Jehovah witnesses don't believe that Jesus is God. They believe him to be an angel.

- And the guy said, well, that's not in the Bible. And Walter Martin said, that's not what I asked you. I asked you if I could show you in the Bible where Jesus declares himself to be God. He said, would you believe that he is God?
- And he said, well, that's nowhere to be in the Bible. That's not what I said to you.
- He said, well, I suppose if you can show me where it says that in the Bible, but it's not in the Bible. But if you can show me and Walter Martin got down right where he's sitting on the desk, and he began to pound on it, and he began to quote verse eight, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You know who was and is, who is and who was and who is to come. The Almighty. And he pounded and he said at 3 or 4 times, and he walked out the door
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and the guy, the guy said, I went home that night, and I tried to go to sleep, and all I could hear, like a drum in my head, was, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning in the end. And he said, I gave my life to the Lord that night. And then he became a counterculture kind of person too. And it's a wonderful story.

But that's the power of that verse related to the deity of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

Praise Him

Praise Him because he invites us to turn and see it's a call to intimacy it's an invitation to oneness with Him to see his glory and I pray that we can see his glory today

Revelation 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

Praise Him

With Him because he is in the midst of his church today and he sends a messenger with a message straight from heaven to the here who has ears to hear.

Praise Him for the one who is clothed in majesty is the king of the universe and the one who is clothed in majesty was also my savior as the king became for me what I could not do he did because he loves me and washed me and is loving me and washing me.

Long time to Turn

Then John turns, do you notice how much time has expired by the time John had turned to look. Notice all the things that were said in verse 11 before he turned, I wonder if he was stunned.

Candlestick – Lamp stand Difference

The difference between a candlestick and a lamp stand is the candlestick is self consuming and will burn itself out. A lamp is fueled by oil and needs to be refueled. Words for us as the church because we continually need to be refueled by the oil which is a picture of the Holy Spirit

Exodus 25 / Vine & Branches / Light of the World

The seven golden candlesticks refer to the golden lamp stand of Exodus 25, which, with three lamps on each side of a main stem, speak both of John 15, where Jesus said, "I am the Vine and you are the branches," and of John 8 where He declared Himself to be the Light of the world. As seen in Matthew 5, we are to let our light shine as well—which can only happen as we stay connected to the Stem of the candlestick, the true Vine, Jesus Christ.

(Exodus 25:31 NKJV) "You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.

(Exodus 25:32 NKJV) "And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.

(John 15:5 NKJV) "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

(John 8:12 NKJV) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

(Matthew 5:14 NKJV) "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

(Matthew 5:15 NKJV) "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

(Matthew 5:16 NKJV) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Made of Gold / 1 Piece / Beaten

Notice also the candlestick is made of gold, which speaks of divinity. But it was not molten gold, it was one piece of beaten gold because Jesus was beaten that we might be included with Him in the lamp stand.

Son of Man – Dan 7

The Son of Man a reference to Daniel chapter 7:13. The Son of Man will establish His Kingdom of earth:

(Daniel 7:13 NKJV) "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

(Daniel 7:14 NKJV) Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

Physical Description / Glorified Christ compared to Lamb

These verses are the only physical description of Jesus Christ given in the Bible. John sees the glorified Christ and what a difference from the Lamb that was slain to the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the King seated on His throne;

Verse 13 – The Garment – As the Lamb His robes stripped and cast for lots, but as the glorified Christ He is robed in Majesty.

Entire Body / Isaiah 61

The Son of Man is clothed to His feet—which speaks of the priesthood (Exodus 28:42). His entire body is covered. Who is the body of Christ? We are. We're covered with the robe of His righteousness (Isaiah 61:10):

(Isaiah 61:10 NKJV) I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Verse 13 – Golden Band – As a Lamb he was bound and lead by chains to a mock trial and charged by religious rulers, dying on the cross of a broken heart. As the glorified Christ He is girded by a golden band around His chest, the gold representing His deity that no man can touch, and a heart that can never be broken again for He has married His Bride.

Revelation 1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

Praise Him

Praise Him because he makes us what we could never be white as snow for he is the righteous God and he is the righteous making God doing what only a God can do making me righteous

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Son Given all Power

1:14. The language of the descriptions given in verses 14 and 15 apply to God himself, especially as the mighty Judge and Ruler of the universe. Thus, John made it clear that all the attributes of the Father which the Old Testament visions described are also attributes of the Son. To the Son has been given all power and authority both to reign and to be the world's Judge (Matthew 28:18; John 5:22, 27).

The whiteness of the hair (see Daniel 7:9) represents absolute purity and the dazzling splendor of His holiness. The eyes like a flame of fire (see Daniel 10:6) speak of His penetrating wisdom and His righteous judgment.

Verse 14 – His Head – As the Lamb His head was blood soaked by 1.5 inch thorns piercing into His skull, but as the glorified Christ He is distinguished with respect and honor.

Hair – His Mind covered with Forgiveness

What does “white as snow” bring to mind? Isaiah 1:18, where we read, “...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...” Thus, white hair represents the forgiveness and mercy that permeate Jesus' mind. “I know where you've been,” He says. “But you are cleansed. You are forgiven. You are white. That's the way I see you.”

(Isaiah 1:18 NKJV) "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

Verse 14 – His Eyes – As the Lamb a face so beaten He would not have been able to see, so much like the Lamb for eyes that would not see the sin and wickedness of mankind. But as the glorified Christ His eyes are as a flame where there will be nothing hidden that won't be revealed and exposed.

(Mark 4:22 NKJV) "For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

Revelation 1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

Praise Him

Praise Him because his beautiful feet came the gospel the good news that there was way out of the judgment to come and he became the feet of flesh who walked the dusty roads of the Middle East and then allowed them to be pierced for me so that he could say grace and peace to me I'm washing you and I'm loving you and I've made you righteous

Lord would you give us these beautiful feet to tell people about you're beautiful feet the came to set the captives free

Romans 10:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Verse 15 – His Feet – As the Lamb, pierced. As the glorified Christ, solid and firm.

Verse 15 – His Voice – Silent as a Lamb lead to the slaughter. As the glorified Christ, the sound of many waters, like water rushing over a waterfall, sheer power and awe.

Wash Feet You Point At

Jeremiah 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Jeremiah didn't deliver his prophecies condemningly, with fingers pointing. He delivered them from a broken heart and with tear-filled eyes. That's why God chose him. Some people come into our lives and say, "Woe is you," as they condemn and point their fingers. Not Jeremiah. He shared the message of God accurately, but not without weeping compassionately. I believe we have no right to judge any other person or situation if we're not brokenhearted about it. If I don't feel compassion and tenderness, brokenness and love, I need to keep my mouth shut. I don't have any right to point out the dirt on another's feet unless I'm willing to do what Jesus did—to get down and start washing. If I'm not willing to get involved in restoring, loving, weeping, and caring, I'm missing the mark entirely.

John 13:2–5 (NKJV) ² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

Revelation 1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Praise Him

Praise you did you send the message and gives us this word on how to walk and not just where to walk but the way to walk with the heart of God in all that we do not just we do it because of your word but you show us your heart behind it

Praise Him because of his countenance the transfigured Christ in all of his glory chose to step back down and from the summit of the north he journeyed with eyes fixed on one thing across on another heel in Jerusalem

Praise Him because when he was offered all the world he didn't trade it for the temporary because he had you and I on His mind, what would last for eternity

Verse 16 – His Hand – As the Lamb they were nailed pierced, as the glorified Christ a grip upon His people that no one shall pluck them out of His hands.

Verse 16 – His Mouth – As a Lamb beaten and bruised, but as the glorified Christ, a sword.

Not Hebrews 4 Sword

The Greek word for sword here is not the one we are most familiar with in Hebrews:

(Hebrews 4:12 NKJV) For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Tragan Sword – Death Blow

That's sword is a small handheld sword used for piercing. It was used with precision and skill. This word here is the word for the sword which is the 'tragan' word. That's sword was so big it was carried between the two blades of the back, and when it was used in battle it would deal the death blow for no one could survive a blow from it and live. This will be the word that is used in the book of Revelation as God brings his judgment of a Christ rejecting world, and no one will be able to survive the blow of his judgment.

Verse 16 – His Countenance – As a Lamb, beaten beyond recognition, but as the glorified Christ, shining like the morning sun.

(Psalms 34:5 NKJV) They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

This is What Are Eyes Were Made to See

Beloved this is what our eyes were made to see, not the junk of the world.

John Also a Poet / Passion / Parents & Passion

John isn't just a theologian, he is also a poet. He writes this book not just with facts but a passion. He isn't just a Bible guy, he is a man of passion. Parents that we would be like that with our kids, that we just wouldn't be Bible people, giving them verses, giving them knowledge, but that they would feel and sense our passion about this Word and our Lord. They would see that He is the passion of our life.

Spiritual Armor

When I put on the spiritual armor, the vision of Jesus empowers my armor, for I “putting on the Lord Jesus Christ”.

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Ephesians 6:10–13 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:14–20 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

Praise Him

Praise Him because he's a God who's not afraid to touch Him and praise Him for he's touching you right now praise Him if he walks around this room to touch you and whatever your fear may be he says do not be afraid I am the first and the last and everything in between including whatever that in between is in your life right here and right now

Touch Suffice All Fears / Great Shall Not – God who Touches – Speaks – Not be Afraid

It is always the touch of the Lord that will suffice any of my fears. Do you know Him as the great “shall not”, or do you know him as the God who would touch you, draw you to Himself, and speak to you words of peace, words of love, words that would say fear not.

Mount Transfiguration

1:17. John had already seen a glimpse of Christ's glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. There the face of Jesus shone like the sun, and His clothes glistened and glittered like lightning flashes from the outshining of inner glory (Matthew 17:2). But that was only a foretaste. The disciples were awed, but not struck down. John on Patmos, however, was not able to stand the full impact of the glory of God in Christ and fell into what must have been an unconscious state, a coma.

Then the same right hand that had held the seven stars was laid on John. He felt the same gentle touch and heard the same “Fear not” that had so often encouraged the disciples while Jesus ministered to them during His life on earth. What peace John must have felt, the peace that Jesus gives (John 14:27)! Along with the “Fear not,” Jesus gave John wonderful assurance. He has not changed. He is still the first and the last; the eternal, unchanging Christ; the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He

wants to be the most important Person in believers' lives so they can be prepared for that day when He shall come again.

Revelation 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Praise Him

Praise Him for keys represent authority to lock and unlock and so he unlocks for us things that bind us and he locks the things that imprison us

The Keys

1:18. Jesus gave the further assurance that He is the same living Christ who rose from the dead and inspired new faith in His followers after the terrible ordeal of the Cross. He lives forever, and the future is in His hands.

“The Living One” (“I am he that liveth”) is actually a title of God. (See Joshua 3:10; 1 Samuel 17:26, 36; 2 Kings 19:4, 16; Psalms 42:2; 84:2; Isaiah 37:4, 17; Jeremiah 10:10; 23:36; Hosea 1:10; John 5:26.) As the Living One He is the source of life and healing. The armies of Israel were the armies of the Living God. As the Living God He will bring wrath on the nations that they cannot endure. But the heart and soul of the believer thirsts for Him.

He also has the keys of death and Hades. Hades (hadēs) in the New Testament is the Greek name of the place of punishment where the wicked and the unbelievers suffer in the time between death and the final Great White Throne Judgment when death and Hades will be cast into the lake of fire. In the Old Testament it seems that God had the keys of death and therefore of Hades (in the Hebrew, Sheol). Satan did not have the keys; for God, not Satan, had control of what Satan could do to Job (Job 2:6). Jesus now has the keys because God has given Him all power and authority in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18). God has also “set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet” (Ephesians 1:20–22). This means nothing shall prevail against His church (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus King of King – Coming Again

Jesus in His glory we see here, Jesus is revealing that he is God. Jesus is revealing He is the King of kings in the Lord of the lords, and there is no other then Jesus Christ. And he is coming again.

John Falls – Our Measuring Stick

John when he sees this he falls on his face as if dead. This is our scale what we are to measure our self spiritually. Measure yourself against Jesus and you will never be judgmental against your brother and sister again.

Hades – Holding Place

Verse 18 - And I have the keys of Hades and of Death - Is man's holding place until the white room judgment:

(Revelation 20:11 NKJV) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

(Revelation 20:12 NKJV) And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

(Revelation 20:13 NKJV) The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

(Revelation 20:14 NKJV) Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

(Revelation 20:15 NKJV) And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Believer Present / Bema Seat - Rewards

For the believer to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord immediately upon death or rapture. All who have received Jesus will appear before the “Bema (judgment)” seat of Christ, not to

determine salvation for that was determined on the cross, but to determine our rewards in heaven, what we did for Christ with the talents and gifting that He gave us.

(2 Corinthians 5:6 NKJV) So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

(2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV) For we walk by faith, not by sight.

(2 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

(2 Corinthians 5:9 NKJV) Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

(2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV) For we must all appear before the judgment (bema) seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Unbeliever – Hades – Lake of Fire / You are a Spiritual Being

For the unbeliever to be absent from the body is to immediately be in the presence of Hades. And when the final judgment comes man will be moved from Hades to that place of eternal death and torment, the lake of Fire. You are a spiritual being in that you will be present in one of these two places. Death can be a great consolation or a terrible fear, but it is determined on this side of heaven, there is no purgatory.

Keys to Set People Free

The keys of hell and death are not to lock people up but to set people free. "I can get you out of your damnable, hellish situation if you'll let Me," Jesus says. "I can save you from hell eternally if you'll receive Me. My desire is to set you free" (see Luke 4:18). The Lord holds the keys to that which is imprisoning you, gang. Let this One with the eyes of a warm fire set you free.

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Praise Him

Praise Him for he unlocks this book for us

Touch to Revive and Commission

1:19. Jesus touched John, not just to revive him but to commission him to write the revelation he had just received and the revelation he was about to receive. This seems to indicate a threefold division of the Book of Revelation: first, the preliminary vision in chapter 1; second, the messages to the churches in chapters 2 and 3; and third, the future events which are described beginning in chapter 4. God intended this revelation to be a means of blessing and revival for others, not only for the seven churches of Asia but also for believers throughout the Church Age.

After Voice – Vision – Touch / Direction

After the touch, after the vision, after the voice, God gives John a clear direction on what to do next so that he may not be filled with anxiety or confusion. And so too does the Lord do that for us, when our lives may seem all out of sorts, not sure what the Lord is doing, maybe even wondering if the Lord is doing. But when we allow ourselves to slow down, be in the Spirit, the Lord will give us direction on what to do, "do these things", and that is the touch of the Lord and it brings everything into order for our lives. I can not plead enough with you Christian, take the time to turn and see, so that you may receive direction and comfort from the Lord.

Book of Revelation Outline

Here we see the outline for this book John is told to write the things:

- The Things which you have Seen- Chapter 1,
- The Things which Are - Chapters 2 and 3,
- The Things which will take place after This - Chapters 4 - 22.

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Praise Him

Praise Him because he loves his church and the sheep of his pasture, and by turning, we see everything clearly, of who He is and what He thinks of us.

Explains the Mystery

1:20. Jesus next explained the mystery, that is, the secret meaning, the inner meaning of the symbol of the seven stars and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels or messengers of the seven churches. The Greek word (angelos) can mean either “angel” or “messenger.” Some Bible students take these angels to be patron angels of the churches even though they are identified with the churches (Harrington, pp. 80f.; Morris, p. 45). (Compare Daniel 10:13; 12:1.) Others take them to be the pastors of the churches since John was to write the message to them (Barnhouse, p. 32). Still others take the angels to be visitors or delegates from the churches who would take the Book of Revelation back with them (Ramsey, p. 98). (See 2 Corinthians 8:23 where the messengers are delegates.)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need