

“The Glorious Christ: A Vision That Changes Everything”

Text: Revelation 1:1–20

Theme: Jesus is not just the Lamb who was slain—He is the risen, reigning Lord who stands among His Church.

Purpose: To awaken awe, restore reverence, and rekindle holiness in response to the unveiled glory of Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

Many people avoid Revelation—either out of fear or confusion. But the first chapter isn’t about beasts, bowls, or battles. It’s about **Jesus**.

Before we read about what will happen, we must first see **Who is speaking**—and once we truly see Him, it changes everything.



I. THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (vv. 1–3)

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him...”

- Revelation is not primarily about end times—**it’s about Jesus**.
- his is an unveiling or removing the cover (Greek: *apokalypsis*)—a-po-kuh-LIP-sis)not to hide, but to **reveal** the glory of Christ.
- Blessing is promised: “*Blessed is the one who reads... hears... and takes to heart*” (v. 3)



Holiness Focus: When Christ is revealed, we see our need to live ready and holy before Him.



II. THE TESTIMONY OF THE RISEN KING (vv. 4–8)

“Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come...”

- Jesus is described as:

- **The Faithful Witness** – Truth-teller and example.
- **The Firstborn from the Dead** – Resurrected and reigning.
- **Ruler of the kings of the earth** – Not just Savior, but **Sovereign**.
- He has *“freed us from our sins by His blood”* and made us a **kingdom of priests** (v. 6)

🎯 **Application:** Are we living like those who belong to the King?

✅ **Holiness Focus:** Christ didn’t just save us from sin—He **set us apart** to reign and serve in holiness.

🕊️ III. THE VISION OF CHRIST GLORIFIED (vv. 9–16)

“And when I turned, I saw...” (v. 12)

John turns to see the voice and is overwhelmed by a **vision of Jesus like he’s never seen before**:

- **Clothed in a robe** – Dressed as High Priest and Judge.
- **Hair white as wool** – Pure wisdom and eternal nature.
- **Eyes like fire** – Piercing, purifying.
- **Feet like bronze** – Strength and stability.
- **Voice like rushing waters** – Power and authority.
- **Seven stars in His hand** – He holds the Church.
- **Face shining like the sun** – Glory unveiled.

🔥 **This is not the humble carpenter of Nazareth—this is the cosmic Christ, King of kings.**

✅ **Holiness Focus:** When we truly *see* Jesus in His holiness, we recognize our need to be purified and sanctified.



IV. THE MINISTRY OF THE RISEN CHRIST (vv. 17–20)

“When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He placed His right hand on me and said, ‘Do not be afraid...’”

- Christ doesn’t crush John—He comforts him.
- He says, *“I am the First and the Last... I hold the keys of death and Hades.”*



He has **final authority**, not Caesar, not culture, not chaos.

- Christ walks **among the lampstands** (v. 20)—He is present with His Church.



Application: The Church is not forgotten or forsaken. Jesus is **in our midst**, even when we feel alone or persecuted.



Holiness Focus: The holy, risen Christ walks among His people—**how we live matters** in His presence.

Altar call!

When we truly see Jesus as He is:

- We don’t yawn—we **fall in worship**.
- We don’t run away—we **repent and return**.
- We don’t stay the same—we **rise up and live holy**.