

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
To The Churches Be Aware  
Revelation 1:9-20  
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What is God doing in our world and what can we do to be involved?

What do you suppose God sees in us and in our church?

*I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."*

*12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.*

*17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

*19 "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.*

Revelation 1:9-20 NIV

#### **BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON**

Be aware that Jesus is here with us listening and watching what we are doing.

He is watching us as we respond to Him.

#### **BE AWARE OF THE PERSON OF JESUS**

Jesus is our priest that mediates between us and God the Father

White hair that represents wisdom and righteousness.  
Eyes flaming with fire that see all and judges rightly.  
Feet glowing bronze meaning His enemies are in subjection to Him.  
His voice sounds as rushing water, His words to all people that no one can ignore.  
His Face shining like the sun again the righteous judge.

John needed to see this vision:

The humble priest who died for us  
The victorious King who is coming again.

#### **BE AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF JESUS**

God works in your life according to what He knows to be true in your heart.

His presence is the source of comfort to the faithful:

#### **BE AWARE OF HIS PURPOSE FOR THE CHURCH**

He knows the challenges that are coming.

This is the outline of the book. Verse 1:19

What you have seen in the past.  
What is happening now.  
What is coming in the future.

He is talking to the church and He is talking to us.

We are the church.

*So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* Romans 12:5 NIV

*And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.* Colossians 1:18 NIV

His purpose is accomplished through His church to do God's will.

There is no greater privilege than to be in the middle of God's will.