

## Revelation Series

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### First Things First

**Intro.** Consider all the things that are in heaven and realize that there are 4 things which God wants us to see or realize right up front. From our previous study, 'The disappearing church', we saw that the Apostle Paul heard things which he said were not lawful for him to speak. (II Corinthians 12:4). Daniel saw things when he was in the spirit and told to seal them up, (Daniel 9:24). It is time to open those revelations which Daniel spoke of and saw, and God is giving John permission to reveal what he was able to see. And interestingly, God shows John four things that He considers perhaps the 4 most important things to begin with.

Perhaps you have your own ideas of what you want to see when you get to heaven. The first would be Jesus, then perhaps any loved ones who have preceded you, then your favorite Bible character. Then you might have thought about wanting to see Adam and Eve so you can ask them, "What in the world were you two thinking?"

You notice that in those who claim they have had out of body experiences and saw heaven, they describe a lot of things but seldom talk about Jesus as the Redeemer or how important it is to be saved to enter Heaven. Now John's experience of such a divine revelation and what God shows John, must be a pattern and for the following reason as given in this book of Revelation.

#### What God wants us to know about heaven:

##### I. First, to behold His \_\_\_\_\_ - (door) – Revelation 4:1.

- A. Somehow seeing a \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't seem all that impressive, yet it is what God first shows John.
1. We know that anyone who is saved is saved by \_\_\_\_\_ due to God's grace – Ephesians 2:8-9.
  2. We know that Jesus is the "**the way, the truth and the life**: no man cometh to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)
  3. Jesus states clearly that He is " \_\_\_\_\_ " by which we have salvation and entrance into heaven. (John 10:7 – 18)
  4. Peter states in Acts 4:5 - 12, that there is "...none other \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
  5. Jesus and Jesus alone is that \_\_\_\_\_ by which in this life-time, we must call upon Him as Savior, because He alone saves – I Corinthians 1:2; Romans 10:13)
  6. No one gets into heaven because of \_\_\_\_\_ they are or \_\_\_\_\_ they have done, no amount of money or works, or good deeds will get anyone into heaven.
  7. One gets into heaven by \_\_\_\_\_ in the redemptive work of Christ – Romans 10:9.
    - a. "Confess" means to \_\_\_\_\_ with, to concede, profess or declare openly.
    - b. Salvation is made possible by God's grace and God's grace alone.

B. We note that in verse 2, the word "spirit".

1. For John to have made this trip to heaven, he had to be in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We are being reminded here that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are not allowed into God's presence.
3. The only reason we are allowed is because of what \_\_\_\_\_ did at Calvary on the Cross.
4. It is the Holy Spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ in us now to fit us for that day of the Rapture.
5. It is the Holy Spirit that is working and endeavoring to \_\_\_\_\_ us for the Bema seat. (II Cor. 5:10)
6. We are not \_\_\_\_\_ yet, but one day we will be – I Corinthians 15:51 – 52.  
(Note the word "change" which is stated as a necessity)
7. "Change" here means to \_\_\_\_\_ one thing for another, to transform which is future (Rapture).
8. Today we are not like Him, but one day we will \_\_\_\_\_ – I John 3:2.

C. So, the first thing God wants us to see is His \_\_\_\_\_, this door, this entrance into heaven which is Christ.

## II. To behold His \_\_\_\_\_ - (Throne) – Revelation 4:2.

A. God wants us to know about heaven and yet the Bible speaks more about \_\_\_\_\_ than it does heaven.

1. Hell is a \_\_\_\_\_ place divided into three parts.
  - a. There is the place of torment. (Still exists today) – Isaiah 5:14 is a future reference.
  - b. There was paradise.
  - c. There is a gulf separating the two. (Luke 16:20 – 31)
2. When Jesus died, He \_\_\_\_\_ out paradise – Ephesians 4:8-10 & Matthew 27:50 – 53.
3. Those still in the torment section await the Great White Throne judgment – Revelation 20:11 – 15.
4. Why might God reference hell more than heaven?
  - a. So we will be more \_\_\_\_\_ to warn others – Mark 16:15.
  - b. So we will \_\_\_\_\_ him all the more for the empty cross and tomb – Luke 24:6.
  - c. To motivate us to being \_\_\_\_\_ for the kingdom of God – eternity is coming.

B. God secondly wants us to behold His \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 4:2.

1. He is reminding us He is in \_\_\_\_\_ and this is why our focus must be on him and our circumstances.
2. We are not in charge, Washington is not charge, Satan is not in charge.
3. As the Redeemed it is wise to turn the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives over to Him.
4. All such as \_\_\_\_\_ to do so are poor specimens of a Christian in a world of darkness.  
(Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10; First Thessalonians 2:12)

C. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives & has every right to dictate the event in our lives & every decision.

D. Aside from choosing to come to a saving faith in Christ, the next great decision of our lives, is to turn our \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ will over to the sovereignty of God and His will for our lives!