

## Revelation Series

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### 'Why Christ was willing to die' – Part 1

**Intro:** The book of Revelation is not a crystal ball to the future, but a Revelation of Jesus Christ.

We will learn more about His motives and purposes for dying on the cross.

Though it does reveal a lot of information about the Tribulation, it is primarily about Jesus Christ.

Now is the time to ask, "Why do we choose to do the things we do?"

What is the reasoning? What are the motives behind our choices?

This pandemic has seen healthcare personnel step up to the forefront of this pandemic.

Nurses, doctors, lab tech's, cleaning personnel, secretaries and many others on the frontline.

Military personnel in time of war and during combat are others who make sacrificial choices.

In the first 6 verses of Revelation chapter 1, we find some whys; we will find some motives of Christ.

1. We will get a glimpse into His heart as we go through this first chapter
2. He had a purpose which was to die.  
(John 10:8, 15, & 17)
3. His motive is found in Revelation 1:5 & 6. (Seven things we can take away from these two verses.)

#### I. To reveal what He knows \_\_\_\_\_. (Witness) – Verse 5.

A. Christ was/is the faithful witness.

B. Ask yourself, "If I had to die for something or some cause, would the list be long or short?"

C. Christ was willing to die so He could be a faithful witness.

1. He was a faithful witness to \_\_\_\_\_ and fulfilling prophecy.
  - a. To what **was** before \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. To what **was** before the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. To what \_\_\_\_\_ **is** like.
  - d. How it **is** that sinners can be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father.
  - e. How it **is** that we can \_\_\_\_\_ a righteous life through the Scriptures.
  - f. What will be in \_\_\_\_\_ for the Redeemed and the lost.

D. For Jesus to be a faithful \_\_\_\_\_ – **it cost Him.**

E. More often than not, we are just \_\_\_\_\_ with being a Christian until it looks like it might \_\_\_\_\_ us something.

1. Such as unsaved family and friends.
2. Promotions or jobs.
3. Slander or scoffing.
4. The Christian life is about \_\_\_\_\_, but also about being a faithful witness even if \_\_\_\_\_ is involved.

## II. He came to \_\_\_\_\_ us to the heavenly Father. (First Begotten) (Verse 5)

A. There should be no confusion on this phrase, 'First Begotten'.

1. It cannot mean Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ as He has always been.

a. I John 5:7.

b. John 10:30 & John 17:21.

c. The Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses get it wrong as do others.

d. As to Christ's origin, He was not born, nor was He created, He has always been eternal.

e. In Revelations He tells us four times He is "Alpha and Omega."

(Revelations 1:8 & 11; 21:6 & 22:13.)

f. John 8:57 – 59 (58) "I am" (To be, to exist.)

(1). Verse 58 – "was" – To come into existence – Abraham had a starting point.

(2). Exodus 3:14 "I Am" – to be, to exist. Be in existence, Christ has always been.

(3). The Jews understood that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ He was God.

2. It could not mean He was the first to die.

a. Adam and Eve aside from Satan, were the first to die spiritually.( Gen. 2:16 & 17/ Gen. 3:6.)

b. Able was the first to die physically – Genesis 4:8.

3. What it does mean is Jesus was the first to die physically, raised from the dead to never die.

a. O. T. Saints when they died did not go directly to \_\_\_\_\_, but to Abraham's bosom.

b. Jesus gave this historical account in Luke 16:19 – 31 which is about an incident before His death on the cross. (Note verses 22-23)

c. The realm of the rich man is still receiving those who die in their rejection of Christ.

d. For the Redeemed of the Lord, this was changed following Christ's resurrection.

(Matthew 27:51 – 53.

e. When the Redeemed of the Lord die,

(1). When we die our bodies go to the grave, our souls and spirits go to be with Christ.

(2). II Corinthians 5:5-9 & I Corinthians 15:51-58.

(3). I Thessalonians 4:13 – 18. (A Bodily resurrection of the Redeemed of the Lord.)

(4). Rev. 20:5 & 6. Again, this is the Redeemed of the Lord. (by implication the lost.)

(5). Revelation 20:11 – 15 is the second resurrection when God deals with the lost.

B. Again, we see the willingness of Christ to die for you and me, so He could prepare and pave the way for us. (John 14:1-6)