

Revelation Series

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God's Self Portrait

Intro: Revelation 1:10 – 11, is a description that Jesus gives of Himself, while verses 12 – 17 is the description of Jesus as John saw Him. Two different vantage points,

1. Jesus is stating this is what I am like; 2. John stating this is what Jesus looked like to me.

We don't always see ourselves as accurately as we actually are, as we can be jaded at times. Rest assured, we seldom see ourselves as God sees us, however, when Jesus describes Himself, He is right on.

When we fully engage ourselves in the Scriptures, we find they are revealing what God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are like, and what their relationship is like to the world. So, in these two verses, Jesus is going to condense down the whole Bible and tell us the most important things about Himself. He does so by giving us five different things about Himself that He wants us to know.

The overall key word is '**Convey**' because that is what Christ is doing concerning Himself.

I. He is beyond our _____ Him out. (Behind me) Revelation 1:10.

A. It isn't that we _____ know Him; it is that we can't box Him in to our predictions or personal perspective.

1. He is beyond our _____ and our complete understanding.

2. About the time we think we have Him figured out – we _____.

3. We may think we know where He is going, again we don't.

4. The reason being that He has the big _____ in view all the time and we don't. (Tunnel vision)

B. "in the Spirit" reveals John's spiritual _____ even though he had been heavily persecuted.

1. Geoffrey Bull was a British missionary to China and Tibet who suffered for his faith.

2. He is the author of his book, "When Iron Gates Yield".

3. The communist did everything unimaginable to break him and his faith.

4. It was his walking in the Spirit early in his captivity that eventually sustained him.

5. We have no real idea how important walking in the Spirit today is in preparing us for our tomorrows.

C. John was busy doing what he was supposed to be doing, and these are those whom God _____ greatly.

D. John was looking for the Lord's presence, expecting to _____ Christ where it he was looking.

1. Jesus appears behind him, rather than were one might assume.

2. Like Geoffrey Bull, Christ _____ where John was not looking, let alone expecting.

3. Christ's means and His timing are His for reasons often _____ our understanding.

E. What is the message Jesus is conveying here?

1. We may be looking for Jesus in a particular place and in a particular fashion.

2. He will come in a fashion least _____ and at a time that is exactly right.

3. First Kings 19:9 – 12. God is unpredictable; about the time we think we know; He surprises us.

4. In I Kings we are told where God is not, not in the wind, not in the quake, nor the fire.

5. Why was God not in the midst of those things?

- a. Because that is where Elijah _____ Him to be.
- b. We as well look to hear God in the tumult of our _____.
- c. Like Elijah, it is the _____ voice that we are to be looking for.
- d. That voice that whispers to our soul in the tumult around us. (Psalm 46:10)
- e. This is that soul that has been walking in the Spirit listening to the small still voice.

6. Job's three miserable friends were looking for God in all Job's _____.

- a. They assumed it was God, when in reality it was _____.
- b. They said God was in the loss of his kids, his prosperity and health, He wasn't!
- c. The point being they didn't know God as well as they thought they did!
- d. Consider the blind man in John chapter nine, they thought surely God was punishing him.
- e. They thought surely God was in it, they were right but not in the way they thought.
- f. They all assumed they had God figured out and exactly how He operates.

F. In this revelation of Jesus Christ to John, Jesus assures us that about the time we think we have Christ figured out, we find out we don't. We need to be constantly ----- His Word so we can learn more.

But never forget, we are _____ and He is _____ and we can only know God to the extent that He reveals Himself to us and the way in which He does so.

G. This does not discount His promises and the condition of those promises; it reminds us that we can't, as we often do, tell Him how we think things should transpire, then expect it to be so.

(Job 9:10 & Romans 11:33)