

Revelation Series

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Lesson Eight

What does Jesus look like - I

Intro: This book under study now, as are all books of the Bible; are meant to have an impact on all our lives. This generation and those prior generations back to the days of Christ, have never seen Jesus. There were no paintings, no busts or sketches of Him. What pictures/paintings we see, are nothing more than an artist's rendering of how they image Him to have looked, and most of them aren't even close. One may simply say they have tried to capture the essence of Christ based on the Scriptures concerning His public ministry. Thus far in this study we have seen Jesus' description of Himself in chapter one and John's description of what he saw. John had ministered as one of Jesus' disciples and the features of the Lord were embedded in his memory. What John describes in this section we are about to study is very telling about what Jesus wants us to see. Remember, John is told to write in a book, **Revelation 1:11 & 19**, what he is seeing. When we look at someone, there is more to see than just a physical appearance; and here we see there is more to Christ that Christ wants us to see.

Six things that make up the character of Christ from which He cannot be separated, and the key words will be "Seen as".

I. Seen as the _____ of His church – (Candle Sticks) – Revelation 1:12.

A. Jesus spoke and John, recognizing the voice, turns around and sees seven golden candlesticks.

1. These candlesticks _____ the seven churches of Asia Minor – Rev.2:1 – 3:22.
2. What John sees is not only Christ, but His direct _____ with His local churches.
3. Jesus reveals Himself by being in the midst of his people, the _____ of Christ
4. Jesus' presence in midst of those candlesticks reveals His _____ relationship with His church.
5. This is why it is so important to understand why a Christian _____ is so vital.
 - a. A Christian marriage is comprised of one saved woman and one saved man.
 - b. The _____ of the Lord are not to be unequally yoked together. (II Cor. 6:14-18)
 - c. Being unequally yoked in marriage _____ the biblical setting of Christ and His Bride.
 - d. Revelation 18:5-10.
6. So, if you are looking for Christ, you'll find Him _____ his Bride – Revelation 1:12 & 13.
 - a. We are to be a reflection of Christ and a Bride _____ of being His Bride. Eph. 5:24-27.
 - b. Our marriages are to be an example of our _____ relationship to Him.
 - c. When we choose to disobey and become unequally yoked we can't be a reflection.
 - d. What it does reflect is disobedience and reflects a _____ Christian.

B. Simply put, we'll never see Jesus _____ from His Bride.

1. The world & worldly Christian doesn't want to see or admit to this
2. They may believe He exists, but they don't like it when He brings His bride into the picture.

3. They don't want to be tied down to this relationship because it has serious _____.
- a. Implications concerning the _____ they establish for their local church.
- b. Implications on their _____ and their agendas within the local church.
- c. Implications for the individuals and their _____ to Christ & the local church.
- d. Implications as to how serious to take their _____ to the local church.

C. We need to realize how important this Bride is to Christ.

1. If we do, then being a part of the Bride should be very special to us.
2. It is a flat-out, gloriously special place to be, being a part of the Bride of Christ.

II. Seen as the _____ of His Bride, the church - (Girdle) – Revelation 1:13.

A. Forget about grandma's old girdle, this was somewhat like a wide belt worn around the waist.

1. It was worn by _____ to hold their sheath and sword.
2. It was worn as an ornate part of a prophets clothing and others around the waist.
3. Jesus is _____ and willing to defend His Bride at all times. (Matthew 16:14 – 19)
4. Satan has not ceased to seek to destroy the local church down through the ages.
 - a. The _____ tried to eradicate the church in the first century, Acts 8:1-3; 22:3-6.
 - b. Rome has endeavored to destroy the church under Roman rule.
 - c. The Pope has tried to eradicate anyone who defied them & believe the Bible.
 - d. And yet here we are, we have survived! Why? Jesus is our defender.
 - e. The Hymn, 575 – "Be Strong In The Lord"

B. So the church doesn't _____ strong today because of you and me.

1. It stands strong because Jesus is our defender.
2. We stand strong in the Lord because He is our _____! (Psalm 18:35)
3. The Bride of Christ will not be _____ because Christ is our defender.
4. The church will remain until it is removed in the _____ by Christ. (I Thess. 4:13 – 18)

III. He is seen as the _____ of His Bride – (Head & eyes) – Revelation 1:14.

A. The two things mentioned here are typically synonymous with great _____.

1. We now see Christ in a _____ role, guiding, helping us make right decision in life.
2. The key is, we must _____ with a desire to do that which is right.
3. He exercises His wisdom in order to keep us in His will for our lives.
4. So, what John is seeing is the One who has all the answers/solutions to every problem.

B. His _____ were as a flame of fire with which He demonstrates He knows everything, past, present & future.

1. There is nothing He doesn't know about our thoughts, our desires and our hearts.
2. The eyes of flaming fire addresses His vision, a penetrating vision that is able to judge and discern righteously.