

## Revelation Series

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### What Does Jesus Look Like – Part II

#### IV. Seen as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church – (Feet) – Revelation 1:15.

- A. Anyone who is living right, doing what is right, doesn't have any cause to \_\_\_\_\_ a righteous judge.
- B. God allows difficult times to enter our lives, not necessarily for wrong, but purging. (I Cor. 5:6-7)
  - 1. These are divine \_\_\_\_\_ designed to exercise/grow our faith. (Job 23:8 – 10)
  - 2. These are times God uses to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith. (I Corinthians 3:13 – 15; I Corinthians 2:5)
  - 3. As weights \_\_\_\_\_ the muscles, trials & adversity exercises our faith – Hebrews 12:11.
  - 4. Judgment had already been passed 120 years earlier in Gen. 7:1,
    - a. God had \_\_\_\_\_ the wickedness of man long enough – Genesis 6:5.
    - b. 120 years later God says to Noah, “come thou and all thy house into the ark.”
    - c. Point! Any time God calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ or difficulties, He is already there.
    - d. God did not say, “go” or “get” into the ark, but “come”.
- C. When God puts us in the \_\_\_\_\_ of affliction; He is always there with us.
  - a. Psalm 23.
  - b. Remember Elijah hiding in a cave from Jezebel? (Where was God and where was He not?)  
(I Kings 19:11 & 12)
  - c. The three Hebrew men of Daniel 3:6 – 27.
- D. God does not call us, but that He is always right there with us – Hymn 271. (Hebrews 13:5c)

#### V. Seen as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church – (Voice) – Revelation 1:15.

- A. This addresses His \_\_\_\_\_ in all creation, especially with His church.
  - 1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of every local, autonomous, fundamental church – Colossians 1:15 – 20.
  - 2. Interestingly, this is mostly a view held as a \_\_\_\_\_ distinctive concerning the local church.
  - 3. There are bishops, there are elders, popes and district leaders, but only Christ is the head.
- B. God has established a \_\_\_\_\_ of command and this line begins with Christ, then the pastor, elders and parishioners. I Peter 5:1 -4.
- C. God has a chain of command for the home, Christ, the husband/father, the wife and then the children.
  - 1. First Corinthians 11:3
  - 2. First Timothy 2:9 – 15 & First Timothy 3:1 – 7.
- D. The reality is that Christ is the head of all \_\_\_\_\_ and our marching orders come from Him.
  - 1. And Christ will not \_\_\_\_\_ His Written Word in this matter.
  - 2. The Holy Spirit will not lead us \_\_\_\_\_ to the written Word of God; there are no exceptions, ever! (Matthew 5:17 – 20)

**VI. Seen as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church – (Two-edged Sword) – Revelation 1:16.**

A. The two-edged sword in Scripture serves as a two-fold purpose.

1. It has the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ as in judgment or chastening (Hebrews 4:12).

2. This same metaphor has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ as well (Hebrews 4:12).

a. He knows if we are gaining or losing ground.

b. He knows how to \_\_\_\_\_ use His sword, the Word of God – Hebrews 5:13 & 14.

B. John was seemingly abandoned on the isle of Patmos, cut off. He saw his Savior, which is exactly what John needed to see at that moment in time.

C. So, what does Jesus look like? It all depends on the circumstances,

1. To the broken home He is the Mender.

2. To the physically sick, He is the Healer.

3. To the poor in spirit He is the Sufficiency.

4. To the lonely He is the faithful Friend.

5. To the trespasser He is the Forgiver.

6. To the sinner He is the Savior.

7. To the downtrodden He is the One who lifts up.

8. To the baker He is the Bread of Life.

D. This is what makes the Bible so very precious. Because whatever your need is, the Bible and Christ will become exactly what we need, even if you may fall short or assume you already know what you need.