

The Revelation of Christ's Glorious Future is Given to
Enrich Our Lives in the Present.
Revelation 1:1-20

Introduction: We must always remember the Purpose of Prophecy the Procedure to interpret Prophecy and the Perspective of Prophecy.

- I. The Revelation of Christ is a Source of Personal Blessing 1:1-3
 - A. God's Revealed Message Communicates Concern for Us
 - B. God's Revealed Message Instills Confidence in Us
 - C. God's Revealed Message Requires Compliance by Us

- II. The Revelation of Christ is An Inspiration to Personal Worship 1:4-8
 - A. Christ is to Be Honored as Our Victorious Lord
 - B. Christ is to Be Appreciated as Our Loving Savior
 - C. Christ is to Be Reverenced as the Coming Judge

**The First Commission to Record the Vision
1:9-20**

- I. The Situation of the Commission 1:9-11
 - A. The Self Designation of John
 - B. The Self Description of John
 - C. The Service of John?
 - 1. Place of John
 - 2. Power of God
 - 3. Point of Time
 - 4. Perspective of John
 - 5. Perspective of God

- II. The Source of the Commission 1:12-16
 - A. The Church (Seven Gold lamp stands 1:20b)

 - B. The Christ (Son of Man- Messianic title)

- III. The Statement of the Commission 1:17-20
 - A. John's Response
 - Response to divine glory- fall like dead- Isa 6:5 Woe is me
 - Ezk 1:28, Dan 8:17, 10:9,11 Lk 5:8 Peter Acts 26:14 Saul/Paul, Acts 10 Peter/ Cornelius

 - B. Jesus Response
 - JC touched him- tender and comforting
 - Similar at the Mt of transfiguration Matt 17:7 touched- not be afraid.

Principles to Ponder

The book of Revelation exalts the glory of the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Do you? How do you exalt Jesus in your life?

The book of Revelation declares that Jesus is king and victorious over life and death. Do you trust Him with that fact, and does your life reflect it?

The Apostle John seems to prepare us for the fact that to follow Christ will be costly.

“All those who desire to live godly for Christ Jesus will suffer persecution”

2 Tim. 2:12
Are you ready?

How should and how will the church respond?
We shall see in Rev 2-3
and the 7 Churches