

Sermon Notes
Revelation 1:9-20

This week we discussed a vision of Jesus Christ from his current position in heaven. Many people still have a picture of Jesus that depicts Him as meek and mild and soft. As we discussed the vision of Jesus Christ spelled out in Revelation 1:9-20 we were alerted to the fact that Jesus is the all-powerful king of kings and lord of lords. Having a true picture of Jesus Christ readies us for His coming and prepares our heart to love Him even more. May God's Word grow you in your pursuit of Christ!

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

A Vision of Christ
Revelation 1:9-20

Alerts us that Christ still has a message for His Church (9-11)

Provides us with a clear picture of Christ in His Church (12-16)

Overwhelms, comforts and commissions us to serve Christ and His Church (17-20)

5 Lies of the Enemy to keep you from church

- 1. I have been hurt by the church**
- 2. I like Jesus, I just don't like the church**
- 3. The church is full of hypocrites**
- 4. Don't GO to church, BE the church**
- 5. Where 2 or 3 are gathered...**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved.

Questions

1. How does John introduce himself in this section? Why are the terms *brother* and *fellow partaker* so interesting? How is John identifying with his audience?
2. John mentioned being part of the *tribulation*, *kingdom* and *perseverance*? How do these words describe our walk with Christ? How have you experience suffering or tribulation as a result of being a Christian? How are you currently part of God's kingdom? How should you yearn for His coming kingdom? What does it mean to persevere? How can you remain under a trial?

3. What was the voice of Jesus likened to in verse 10? How is a trumpet a unique sounding instrument? Was Jesus' voice loud or soft? Was it comforting or commissioning? Later we read of His voice like the mighty waters? How does this picture also convey His powerful voice?
4. As we see the picture of Jesus, where is He currently located? How significant is it that Jesus is in the center of the church? Why is that so important? How much does Jesus Christ care about His Church? Why is the church envisioned as a lampstand? How are we the light of the world?
5. What is the role of a High Priest? How is Jesus our High Priest? What does He do on our behalf? How does He mediate and intercede for us?
6. Why is the head and hair of Jesus white? How does He want His purity to be lived in and through you? How do we become pure? How important is the blood of Jesus for our purity? Where is God wanting to grow your purity right now?
7. Jesus has eyes like flames of fire. How do those eyes penetrate and convict you? What is Jesus currently convicting you of right now? Why do you think He wants to convict you of sin?
8. Where does judgement begin? Why does Jesus want to judge His church? Since Christians will not be judged to hell, how are we judged?
9. How important is it that Jesus holds the stars (messengers, which could be pastors or leaders) in His right hand? What confidence should that provide the pastors, elders and the church? How does this also reveal the LORD's seriousness of the church and its leadership?
10. Have you ever considered the fact that the Church cannot be defeated? Why? How does this make you feel? Why does this bring you comfort?
11. Where is the glory of the LORD revealed? If His glory is revealed in the church then why do some Christians refuse to be a part of a local assembly?
12. What are the five lies that keep people from attending church? Which ones have you believed? Why are they **ALL** false? How necessary is it for someone to be part of a local church?
13. How does a true and clear picture of Jesus Christ overwhelm us? How does He comfort us? How does he commission us?
14. What does Jesus Christ hold the keys to? Why is this important for you and your walk with Jesus Christ?