

**“Focus On The Main Thing -
HE IS COMING!”**

Revelation 1: 4-8

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Worldview- the lens in which one looks through to determine what is true and what is not

Considering worldviews: All, but Christianity, have a false view of Jesus Christ

Christianity is the only worldview that has a *risen, living Savior* who died for our sins!



Today, we will hear John write to fellow servants of Christ, a *message of hope* for all time

A *message* directed at you today!!

Keep your focus on the main thing:
HE IS COMING!!

Verse 4 - 5a

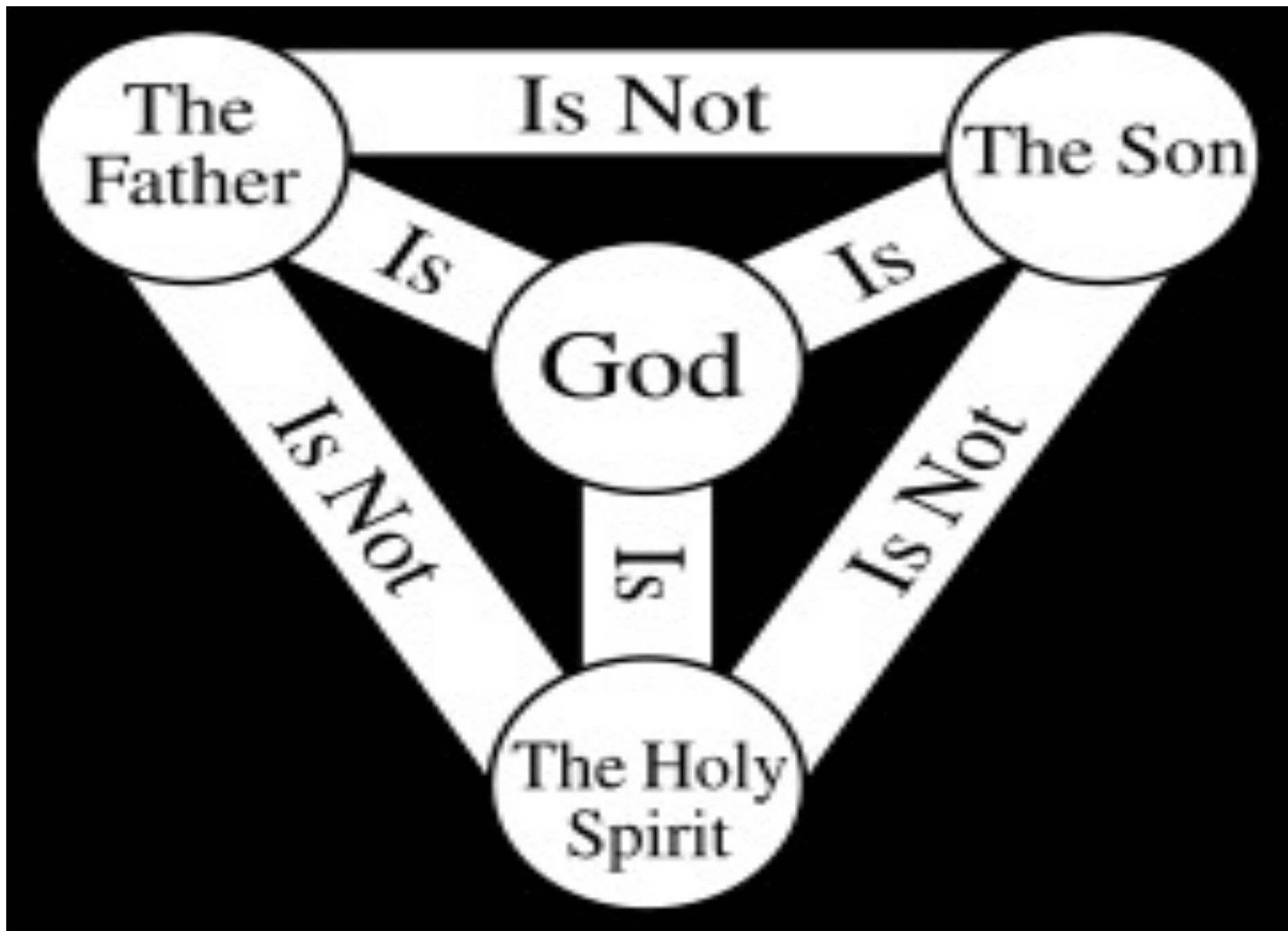
**God's grace and peace are
available to you**

The promise is from God to you -
HIS SERVANTS

From Him - ***Father***

From the Seven Spirits - ***the
Holy Spirit***

From Jesus - ***the Faithful
Witness***





Grace and peace are available, but YOU must appropriate both!

grace = “*charis*” = unearned favor which is freely bestowed

Through His grace, the Lord also enables those who live His gospel to repent and be forgiven

Grace is a gift from our Heavenly Father, given through His Son, Jesus Christ

The word grace, as used in the Scriptures, refers primarily to enabling power and spiritual healing offered through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ

Grace must be appropriated to be effective - 1 Corinthians 15: 8-10
2 Corinthians 6: 1

We are given grace to be saved, and grace to live out this life with the favor of God - **BOTH MUST BE APPROPRIATED**

Peace is given to us by God; God initiates peace with mankind

We have peace *with* God when we are saved - Romans 5: 1

This is not speaking of a peaceful calm or serenity, but a cessation of war with God - Romans 5: 10-11

Once saved, we can have the peace *of* God to live through the tumult of this world - John 14: 27 and John 16: 33

- Nothing can happen to you, that you can't handle, *if* you appropriate His all sufficient supply of grace and peace
- When peace stealers and tumult creators come, **the Holy Spirit will give you the strength:**
 - 1) To stand strong!
 - 2) To experience the grace and peace of God that passes all understanding!!

The same Holy Spirit power that rested on Jesus Messiah is available to you - Isaiah 11:2

As we live out the *Spirit-filled life*, we can walk through the *peace stealers and tumult creators* with the grace of God and the peace of God!

***THIS IS A PROMISE TO YOU
WHO ABIDE IN CHRIST!!***

Verse 5b - 6

**It's all about Jesus Christ -
*OUR KING!!***



Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)

- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

Five things we know to be true (*these truths you can trust*):

- 1) Jesus is a Faithful Witness - *we can depend on Him***
- 2) Jesus is the first to rise from the dead - *because Jesus rose from the dead, so will we!***
- 3) Jesus is ruler over the kings of the earth - *Jesus has sovereign rule over the earth!***

Five things we know to be true (*these truths you can trust*): (cont.)

- 4) **Jesus loves us and washes us -**
*Jesus took our sins on the cross,
and washes us - Titus 3: 5*

- 5) **Jesus made us kings and priests -**
*we will one day reign with Christ
and be priests*
 - Believers will rule and reign with Christ and oversee the affairs of the universe for Christ throughout eternity - **WOW!**

Verse 7 - 8

**Behold He is coming -
*HE REALLY IS!!***

How did Jesus go to heaven?

In a cloud slowly; they could see Him ascend - Acts 1: 9-11

How will Jesus return?

*In a cloud slowly; every eye will see Him - Matthew 24: 30
Revelation 1: 7*

Jesus' Second Coming will be visible and victorious!

**Jesus is the Alpha and Omega,
The Beginning and the End,
THE ALMIGHTY! *JESUS IS GOD!***

Revelation 21: 6 -

GOD is identified as the *Alpha and Omega*, the *Beginning* and *the End*

**These two verses can demonstrate
to JW's and Mormons that**

JESUS IS GOD!

**CLOSING: FOCUS ON THE MAIN
THING - HE IS COMING!!**

Knowing that **Jesus is coming** will help you to survive and thrive in your short stay on earth!

Are you afraid of the future, of today, of death, of the enemy, of spiritual warfare?

You need not be afraid!

Jesus is the Beginning and the End
and He is in control of everything
in between

Jesus is standing right here in the
midst of His Church and

HE IS COMING!!

YOU must choose to walk out this
life with the **grace** and **peace of**
God; *it is available!*

Are you abiding in Christ?

Are you walking in the Spirit?

Tap into the power that God has given you and be an overcomer of all the peace stealers and tumult creators in your life

Peace is the calm of mind that is not ruffled by adversity, overclouded by a remorseful conscience, or disturbed by fear

While waiting for Him to come,
let us be still!!

Lord, keep me still!

Though stormy waves may blow
And waves my little boat may overflow
Or even if darkness I must go

Lord, keep me still!

The waves are in your hand
The roughest seas subside at your
command

Steer my boat in safety to the land
And keep me still

Lord, keep me still!!

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BE STILL!!