

# **“John’s Vision of the Glorified Christ”**

**Revelation 1: 9-20**

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# What do I do when I slip back into the worry zone?

## KNOW THESE TRUTHS!

- 1) KNOW - Jesus Christ is our King and He is faithful! *Jesus will hear me and help me!*
- 2) KNOW - Jesus cares; Jesus died for me, loves me, and washed me from my sins!
- 3) KNOW - Jesus is coming for me; He will never forsake me!

**John knew Jesus very well** - he was part of Jesus' inner circle

**John wrote**, in the Book of John 5 times, that he was the disciple Jesus loved

**John was given the honor** of caring for Jesus' mother, Mary -

**John 19: 26-27**

**John knew Jesus very well**, but when he saw the **Glorified Jesus**, *he was blown away!!*

Jesus Christ wanted both John *and you* to know who it was giving this message to the Churches

The *all powerful, all knowing, Everlasting God, Jesus Christ*, will accomplish what is written in this book!

## Verse 9

**We have a companion  
in tribulation**

# Each person has different pressures and different crushings

- This is the human condition - expect this
- No one is exempt, no one gets a free pass
- Claiming it's not so will not help





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ASIA MINOR

Pergamum

Thyatira

Smirna

Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

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**GOD IS OUR COMPANION IN  
TRIBUATION - *IN THE CRUD OF  
LIFE!!***

Never feel that God has forgotten  
you or forsaken you -

**Isaiah 43: 1-3**



**"NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU  
NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU"**

**HEBREWS 13:5**

## Verse 10 - 11

**John's marching orders from  
the exalted Jesus Christ**

**John's marching orders:**

***“What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches . . . .”***

**A vision has a purpose;** a vision is not entertainment for the person

**Visions involve mission -**

- Everyone wants a dream or vision, but few want a mission

Our marching orders are clear:

***FINISH YOUR ASSIGNMENT***

- At age 90, God is still using His servant, John
- We have value and purpose if we are here

***YOU ARE VALUABLE IN GOD'S EYES!!***

## Verse 12 - 16

**A description of what John saw -  
*the Glorified Jesus!***

Make no mistake, this was a mind-blowing experience for John - ***“I fell at His feet as dead”*** (verse 17)

John saw Jesus standing in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, His Church (verse 13)

No words could describe what John saw, so he used the word ***“like”***



- 1) verse 13 - One *“like”* the Son of Man
- 2) verse 14 - Head and hair were white *“like”* wool
- 3) verse 14 - His eyes *“like”* a flame of fire
- 4) verse 15 - His feet were *“like”* fine brass
- 5) verse 15 - His voice *“like”* many waters
- 6) verse 16 - His countenance was *“like”* the sun

In our present flesh and blood state, we cannot stand before God!

In our glorified state, we will see Him face to face - [1 John 3: 2](#)

We will spend eternity with God *and never plumb the depths of God!*

***IT WILL NEVER BE BORING!!***

Worship the *Most High God* and accept no other false god substitutions!

Verse 17 - 18

**The reassurance of Jesus**

Notice the gentleness of Jesus - *“He laid His right hand on me, . . . . do not be afraid”*

All will bow before Jesus -

[Philippians 2: 10](#)

Jesus reassures us by touching us and speaking to us

When Jesus says, *“Fear not”*, we need not fear!!

***“I have the keys of Hades and of Death”*** - Jesus conquered death!!

Believers never really die; we are *never* separated from God!

***This is a wonderful hope!***

## Verse 19

**Jesus repeats His marching  
orders to John**

## Verse 20

**The seven stars and the seven  
lampstands are explained**

The lampstands are the *light-bearing Churches*

The stars represent the *angels of the Churches*



## CLOSING: *JOHN'S VISION OF THE GLORIFIED CHRIST*

In seeing the *Glorified Jesus*, we are assured that our Lord has the power to carry out what is written in the following chapters of Revelation

Our culture, today, is inundated with false gods, false worldviews, and indoctrination of the culture is in full swing. *There are spiritual forces behind the changes we see in our culture!*

Do not be mesmerized or beguiled by the false - ***stick with the true!!***

**Remember:**

Worship the **Most High God** and accept no other false god substitutions

THERE IS NO ROCK -

***THERE IS NO GOD LIKE OUR GOD!!***

*It is the Church's responsibility to tell the world about the **True God!!***

***CARRY OUT YOUR MISSION!!***

In the coming weeks, we will study the spiritual problems of the Church

This forms the second major division of the Book -

*“ . . . the things which are ”*