A Vision of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1:9-20

I. VALIDATION: "on the island...in spirit" (vv.9-10)

A. Physically: "on the island called Patmos" (v.9)

- 1. Reason #1: "the word of God"
- 2. Reason #2: "the testimony of Jesus"

B. Spiritually: "in spirit on the Lord's day" (v.10)

- 1. How? "in spirit"
- 2. When? "on the Lord's day"

II. VISION: "I turned to see" (vv.12-18, 20)

A. Revelation: "one like a son of man" (vv.12-16)

- 1. To the feet: "clothed in a robe"
- 2. Across His breast: "girded with a golden girdle"
- 3. His head/hair: "white like white wool, like snow"
- 4. His eyes: "like a flame of fire"
- 5. His feet: "like burnished bronze"
- 6. His voice: "like the sound of many waters"
- 7. In His right hand: "He held seven stars"
- 8. Out of His mouth: "came a sharp two-edged sword"
- 9. His face: "like the sun shining in its strength"

B. Reaction: "I fell at His feet as a dead man" (vv.17-18)

- 1. Commotion: "I fell at His feet"
- 2. Comfort: "He laid His right hand upon me"
- 3. Command: "stop being afraid"

Why? "I am the first and the last" (Rev. 2:8; 22:13; see Isa. 44:6; 48:12)

- "I was dead...I am alive forevermore" (Heb. 2:14-17)
- "I have the keys of death and of Hades" (Rev. 6:8)

C. Relation: "stars/angels...lampstands/churches" (v.20)

- 1. Mystery #1: "the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches"
- 2. Mystery #2: "the seven lampstands are the seven churches"

III. VOCATION: "write...send...write" (vv.11, 19)

A. Responsibility: "write/what you see and send it" (v.11)

- 1. Transcribe: "write in a book what you see"
- 2. Transmit: "send it to the seven churches"

B. Repetition: "write...the things...seen/are/shall" (v.19)

- 1. Past: "the things which you have seen"
- 2. Present: "thee things which are"
- 3. Future: "the things which shall take pace after these things"

Next Week: Read Revelation 2 (study vv.1-7)

