

Sermon Outline

A Vision of the Glorious Christ

Revelation 1:9-20

- I. **Introduction:** How do you revive a struggling church?
- II. **Exposition:** A vision that changes our perspective on life
 - A. John commissioned by Christ to write Revelation (vv.9-11)
 1. A fellow sufferer - partner in tribulation John's identification with the believers
 - (John 16:33; Phil 4:14)
 - A fellow citizen of the Kingdom (Col 1:13)
 2. Communing with Christ on the Lord's Day
 - "Write what you see...to the seven churches..."
 - B. John meets Christ (vv.12-20)
 1. His activity (vv.12-13)
 - Christ is in the midst of His church (Acts 9:4ff)
 - The church is to shine and is precious (Matt 5:14ff; 1 Pet 1:18)
 - "One like a son of man" (Dan 7:13-14)
 2. His appearance (vv. 13b-16)
 - Glorious, majestic, awe-inspiring, and very frightful (Dan 10:2ff, 7:9)
 3. John's reaction (v.17)
 - Struck with fear (Is 6:5; Daniel 10:7ff)
 4. John comforted by Christ (vv.17b-18)
 - "fear not" (Daniel 10:10ff)
 - i. I am the eternal Son of God- Nothing can happen to you apart from My will (Rev 22:13)
 - ii. I died for your sins and I'm alive forevermore (Rom 6:9, 14:9)
 - iii. I am sovereign over death and the grave - I have the keys of Death and Hades (Rev 3:7; John 5:28)
- III. **Application:** how can this truth be of practical benefit to us today?
 1. It will keep our hearts at peace in a world of uncertainty.
 2. It gives us a clearer view of Christ's role in preserving His church in a hostile world, and His presence in our public gatherings.
 3. It gives us greater courage to share our faith, because we serve a majestic Christ.