

# **GETTING A GLIMPSE OF THE** **GLORIFIED CHRIST** **Revelation 1:9-20**

**Let's look, listen in and learn from John's encounter with God on Patmos.**

## **I. THE CONDITION OF BELIEVERS** (9)

### **A. HARASSED**

1. The brethren are partners in persecution
2. John is in exile on Patmos
  - Because of the word of God and testimony of Christ

### **B. HOPEFUL**

1. Because of Christ's kingdom
2. Because of Christ's enablement

## **II. THE COMMUNICATION TO CHURCHES** (10-16)

### **A. CHRIST'S PROVISION** (10-11)

1. Inspiration (10)
2. Information (11)
  - Mail from God!

### **B. CHRIST'S POSITION** (12-13a)

1. Who: The Son of Man (see Dan. 7:13-14)
2. Where: Among the churches to encourage and exhort them

### **C. CHRIST'S PRESENCE** (13b-16)

- Attributes reflected by His appearance
1. Dignified (13b)
  2. Pure (14a)
  3. Omniscient (14b)
  4. Impartial (15a)
  5. Noteworthy (15b)
  6. Protective (16a)
  7. Discerning (16b)
  8. Imposing (16c)

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#### D. CHRIST'S PRAISE

1. He is still in their midst ... They are not deserted!
2. He is still in control ... They are not defeated!
3. He is still worthy ... They dare not disregard Him
  - Even a persecuted church can still be a praise-giving church!

### III. THE COMFORT TO JOHN (17-20)

#### A. ENCOURAGEMENT (17a)

1. John's Reverence: He fell at Christ's feet
2. Christ's Response: Do not be afraid

#### B. INSPIRATION (17b-18)

1. Christ's eternality
  - As the first and last He is the Creator and Completer
2. Christ's victory
  - The ever living One came to be dead and yet look, He lives forever!
3. Christ's sovereignty
  - Having the keys (and control) over the state of death and the domain of the dead

#### C. INSTRUCTIONS (19-20)

1. Write: A persecuted preacher can still have a ministry even while in exile!
2. Reveal
  - a. What you've seen: This vision
  - b. What you now see: These churches (chapters 2-3)
  - c. What's yet to come: The Tribulation, Millennial reign and eternal state (chapters 4-22)
3. Rejoice (20)
  - Here's a key to some of the mysteries just mentioned

### CONCLUSION:

**John got a glimpse of the glorified Christ and wrote of it for us to read.**

**Have we seen Him and if so how should we respond?**

- Consider Revelation 1:4-6