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Rev 1:9-20 ESV

Summary

Since His first coming, every generation of artists of every medium have produced their “visions” of Christ. Paintings, sculptures, and representations in film/TV all seek to capture qualities associated with Him. In Rev 1:9-20, the Apostle John was given a vision of Jesus in all of His unveiled glory which left the elderly apostle on his face. What do our lives reveal about our vision of Christ? Do we see Him with the clarity that has now been revealed?

Passage Outline

The Setting - Rev 1:9-11

The Vision - Rev 1:12-16

The Commission - Rev 1:17-20

Passage Principle

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Rev 1:10-11 ESV

The Vision

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Rev 1:12-16 ESV

9 As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

Daniel 7:9 ESV

The Commission

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Rev 1:17-20 ESV

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We should respond to the Lord of Glory with a healthy fear and assurance.

What does healthy fear look like?

What does healthy assurance NOT look like?

“In what specific ways have I been to flippant or casual in my approach to my Master and Lord, Jesus Christ?”

Swindoll, *Living Insights NTC: Revelation*, p. 29

**See & Submit to Christ for
Who He is Right Now.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What religious pictures or statues adorn the walls of your house (or mind)?
2. Why was John on Patmos? What do you know about his assignment there?
3. What is significant about his spiritual condition and the day when he received this vision?
4. What do the images in verses 12-18 suggest about Christ?
5. What is the meaning of the seven stars? The seven lampstands? What does it mean for a church to be a light?
6. Using the analogy of a lighting fixture to describe the spiritual condition of your church, what kind fits your situation (a chandelier, a nightlight, etc)? In what condition is it?
7. Are you, right now, “on Patmos” (suffering) or “in the Spirit” (reigning)? Why? Can both happen at once?
8. What is your takeaway from this week’s message?