

The Unveiling of Jesus Christ Revelation 1:9-20 Steve Holdaway, LifeSpring Church

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3 Millennial Views: Pre, Post, Amillennial

Prophecy: Now, Later, Much Later

Revelation 1:9-20 ESV

9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Suffering is a part of life on earth. You will not escape. Just make sure that you suffer for good, not bad.

God's plan for human history focuses on the Church. Don't try to do Christianity outside of the Body of Christ.

Jesus Christ is the focus of the Book of Revelation, future history, and the end times.

LifeGroup Study Guide

The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

Read Revelation 1:9-20

Companions John mentions three main areas of life that Christians share What is unique about each one? In what ways are we companions? (9)

Suffering

Kingdom

Patient Endurance

Church This is the second time "church" is mentioned (1:4,10). Ecclesia: "called out" Called out of the world to Christ.

What is the difference between a local church and the universal church ? (Matt 16:18, Ephesians 4:12; Rom 12:4-5 His body) Can you think of other local churches mentioned in the NT?

What is the church to be doing according to Acts 2:42-47?

Jesus Christ Based on what John saw (1:12-18), how would you describe Jesus Christ? How is this different than what John saw when Jesus followed Him on earth? (John 1:1; John 13, 18-19). [Compare this to Isaiah 6:1-8 What impresses you about these?]

What is your opinion of Jesus as you consider this description?

What was John's response? Why do you think he did this?

What difference should this unveiling of Jesus Christ have in our: Decisions and Actions: Conversations: Relationships: