



Spiritual Prepping for His Glorious Appearing

Renew Your Passion

Lesson Seven • Revelation 1:17-20

*What Would Happen If Jesus Came to Church This Morning?
How Would You Respond?*

Spiritual Preppers Renew Their PASSION Until the Big Reveal!

*Only when we see CHRIST for who He really is do we see OURSELVES for who we really are!
Revelation 1:12-16*

A Changed Perception of Jesus Results in...

1. A Repentant HEART

"When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man." (1:17a)

In Light of His Holiness...

- Acknowledge Your SINFULNESS *"I fell at His feet"*
Isaiah 6:1, 5; Ezekiel 1:22-28; 3:22-23; 43:2-3; 44:4
- Acknowledge Your HOPELESSNESS *"like a dead man"*
- 3. Acknowledge Your FEARFULNESS *"be afraid"*

2. A Reassuring PEACE

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades." (1:17b-18)

- MEANINGFUL TOUCH *"And He placed His right hand on me"*
- SPOKEN WORD *"saying, 'Do not be afraid'"*
 - 1) A REDEEMING Word *"I Am..."*
 - 2) A FINAL Word *"I Am the First and the Last! Period!"*
 - 3) A LIVING Word *"I Am the Living One! The One and only!"*
Joshua 3:10; Mathew 16:16; 26:63
 - 4) A POWERFUL Word: *"I own the keys of Hades and of Death"*

3. A Restored MINISTRY

"Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things." (1:19)

3-Fold Division of Revelation that John Was to Write and Send to the Churches

"Therefore write the things..."

Revelation 1	Revelation 2-3	Revelation 4-22
<i>"which you have seen,"</i>	<i>"and the things which are,"</i>	<i>"and the things which will take place after these things."</i>
The Revelation of the COMING Sovereign Judge	The Revelation of the CHASTENING Sovereign Judge During the Church Age	The Revelation of the CONQUERING Sovereign Judge During the Tribulation, Millennium Kingdom, and New Creation
<i>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches..." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw..." (1:10-12)</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"To the angel of the church write ..."</i> <i>"These things says He who ..."</i> <i>"I know your works ..."</i> <i>"Nevertheless I have this against you ..."</i> <i>"I will come ..."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!"</i> <i>"To him who overcomes I will give ..."</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold..." (4:1-2)</i></p>
<p>Note: Some object to this understanding of Rev. 1:19 in relation to the structure of the book, because there are various references to the past, present, and future throughout the entire book. While this is true, such references are not enough to negate the obvious structure of the initial vision of Christ that is then applied first to the present church age and only then to the things "which will take place after these things" (7-year Tribulation, 1,000-year Kingdom, New Creation).</p>		

The 3-fold Message We Are to Share with Others Until Christ Returns!

- The Things Past (Chapter 1): **JESUS IS LORD!**
- The Things Present (Chapters 2-3): **OVERCOME TILL HE COMES!**
- The Things Future (Chapters 4-22): **THE KING IS COMING!**

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Revelation 11:15
"Your kingdom come! Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!" Matthew 6:10

4. A Renewed **PASSION**

"As for the mystery of the seven stars which 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." (1:20)

- A **reminder** that this past vision has present application for each us here today!
- A **transition** to the next two chapters:
 - 1) **CITY-CHURCH is addressed:** *"To the angel of the church write ..."*
 - 2) **CHARACTER of CHRIST is applied:** *"These things says He who ..."*
 - 3) **COMMENDATION of GOOD WORKS is recorded:** *"I know your works ..."*
 - 4) **CONDEMNATION of EVIL WORKS is recorded:** *"Nevertheless I have this against you ..."*
 - 5) **CORRECTION of CHRIST is revealed:** *"I will come ..."*
 - 6) **CHALLENGE of the SPIRIT is given:** *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!"*
 - 7) **CONFIRMATION of CONQUERORS is promised:** *"To him who overcomes I will give ..."*

Ready or Not He Is Already Coming...Soon, Suddenly, Surely!

Review Your Spiritual Prepper Check List from Revelation Chapter 1

Check My PRIORITIES!	<i>"The Revelation of Jesus Christ..." (1:1-3)</i>	Be Ready, Stay Focused, Bear Witness, and Be Obedient!
Use My PROVISIONS!	<i>"To you..." (1:4)</i>	Grace and Peace through the Local Church
Know My PROVIDER!	<i>"From Him..." (1:4-5)</i>	The Eternal Father, the Empowering Spirit, and the Exalted Son
Fulfill My PURPOSE!	<i>"To Him..." (1:5-8)</i>	Carpe Diem Coram Deo: <i>Seize the Day for Christ Before the Face of God Until He Comes!</i>
Maintain My PERSPECTIVE!	<i>"I was on the island of Patmos... I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day..." (1:9-11)</i>	Tough Time Perseverance, Primetime Persistence, End Time Perspective: <i>Prime Time Will Get You Through the Tough Times Until the End Time!</i>
Change My PERCEPTION!	1:12-16 <i>"Then I turned to see the voice... And having tuned I saw..." (1:12-16)</i>	Changing Your Perception of Jesus Changes Your Preparation: <i>Turn Your Back on Sin and See Jesus for Who He Really Is!</i>
Renew My PASSION!	<i>"When I saw Him I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying..." (1:17-20)</i>	The True Response to Seeing Jesus as He Really Is: <i>A Repentant Heart, a Reassuring Peace, a Restored Ministry, and a Renewed Passion Until He Comes!</i>

Only When We See Jesus for Who He Really Is Do We See Ourselves for Who We Really Are and Can Truly Prepare for His Second Coming!