



We left Revelation (Session 4) by giving you a glimpse of the Lord God in the 8th verse of the 1st chapter.

The God in Whom We Trust and Adore!

Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

- **"Alpha" is the 1st letter of the Greek alphabet; "Omega" is the last.**
Alpha to Omega...would indicate completeness.
- **"Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come"...**
 - ✓ *He is the Eternal One.*
 - ✓ *He was before time began; He is now; and He will be when time ends.*
 - ✓ *He has been the God of all who have trusted in Him.*
 - ✓ *He is the God in whom at this present moment we can put our trust; and...*
 - ✓ *There can be no event and no time in the future which can separate us from Him.*
Romans 8:38-39 (Read and learn the Scripture. It is a well of which will not ever run dry!)
- **God is the Almighty!**
The word for "Almighty" is "pantokrator"-Gk.
Meaning: *The One who has dominion over all things.*

We have established the fact as to where John was when he saw the vision of Christ...on the island of Patmos. He was banished to that island for preaching the Word of God.

Revelation 1:9, "I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

Revelation 1:10-11, "On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

The Lord's Day – several views:

- **The first day of the week, observed as the Christian Sabbath, because on it Jesus Christ rose from the dead; therefore it was**

called the Lord's day, and has taken place of the Jewish Sabbath throughout the Christian world.

- **A day inaugurating the eternal universal rule of God (Old Testament):**
- **An eschatological day of ultimate judgment bringing final deliverance or doom —called also *day of Yahweh (Old Testament):***
- **The triumphant day of Christ's return to earth in glory (New Testament).**

(NKJV) 2 Peter 3:8-10, "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day [is] as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning [His] promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."

"In the Spirit"...What does it mean?

- Mind completely yielded to the One who is revealing such truth,
- Out of the world and into the spirit (Spirit led...Spirit yielded),
- Under complete control of the Holy Spirit,
- Prayed up.

God's full revelation revealed to John for the Church...through the Spirit.

Note: My theory/opinion is that it was revealed in a heavenly language and interpreted by John in that he was saturated by the word of God. Romans 8:9 states that Christians receive the Spirit of God when they are saved (born-again). However...

The Spirit is released when the Baptism of the Holy Spirit comes upon the Christian.

Why? Spirit of discernment, spirit of interpretation (gift of interpretation), prophecy (gift) is only given by the Holy Spirit.

One thing for sure...John's faculties were totally taken over by the Spirit of God!

SEEING JESUS

Some words that are used to depict Jesus!

The Almighty, Alpha and Omega, Author and Perfecter of our faith, Source of eternal salvation, Ruler of God's Creation, Beloved Son, Blessed and Only Ruler, Bread of Life, Chief Shepherd, Capstone, Counselor, Creator, Deliverer, Chosen of God, Everlasting Father, faithful witness, Glory of the Lord, God, Great High Priest, Head of the Church, Heir of all things, Holy One, Holy One of God, I AM, Image of God, Immanuel (God with us), Judge of Israel, Righteous One, King Eternal, King of the Ages, Lamb of God, Leader, Life, Light of the World, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Lord of All, Lord

our righteousness, Mediator, messenger of the covenant, Anointed One, Morning Star, Our Passover, Author of Life, Prince of Peace, Redeemer, Resurrection and Life, Rock, Rose of Sharon, Savior, Truth, True Vine, the Witness, Word, the Word of God, and the Author of our Salvation.

The goal of the vision of Christ in Revelation 1:12-17 is not to tell us what Jesus looks like, but rather who Jesus is....

And that is the truth found throughout the Word of God.

Revelation 1:12-17, "I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last."

He is...The Perfect One, The Only Pure One, The Source of Strength, The Sound of Love, and The Everlasting Light.

One thing for sure, the Christians won't have to worry about their differences when they see Jesus...disagreements cease about our belief concerning the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, whether baptism is by immersion or sprinkling, whether you have to be baptized to be saved, whether we are premillennialist, post-millennialist, amillennialist, or whether works are required for salvation or not. All of the redeemed will not have to worry about the cares and concerns of today, yesterday, or tomorrow. Jesus will calm all our differences. He will be worshipped and adored...for He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

John saw Jesus while he was "In the Spirit" and it melted him to the floor.



Picture of the Lord Jesus (Vision of Christ)

Seven (7) Features to this picture:

1. **His Head: White as wool or snow.**
1:14, represents = wisdom of age
= purity of holiness
2. **His Eyes: As a flame of fire**

1:14, represents = piercing...even as the fire that purifies the works of man. (Burning up the works of man's chaff...wood, hay, and stubble).

3. His Feet: Like burnished bronze

1:15, represents = the trials he experience in the earthly life; making him a sympathetic high priest (Hebrews 4:15)

4. His Voice: As the sound of many waters

1:15, represents authority.

Stands out above all the rest. (Ezekiel 43:2)

5. His Right Hand: 1:16, Place of honor; strength.

Strong enough to uphold the heavens...yet, gentle enough to wipe away our tears.

6. His Mouth: 1:16, The Word of God proceeded out of His mouth.

Hebrews 4:12, "The Word of God is living and active; sharper than any two-edged sword."

7. His Countenance (Face): 1:16, Glows like the sun. Like John saw when he saw Jesus ascend to glory on the Mount of Transfiguration.

John fell at His feet as though dead...Jesus said not to be afraid (Fear not).

Throughout the word of God it says to "Fear God"...79 times.

Teach your children to fear Him, Deut. 4:10

Even the name we are to fear. Psalm 86:11

Fear of the Lord is Wisdom. Job 28:28

"To fear God is to hate evil" (Proverbs 8:13)

Yet...Jesus told John to not be afraid...Do not fear! Why?

Jesus is our refuge, our deliverer, faithful witness, our redeemer...and He is Truth...and "that" is the truth!

Revelation 1:18-20, "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels^{le} of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

Seven (7) Stars are the angels of the seven (7) churches.

Angels = Messengers to the churches...could be exactly as it states (angels)...or it could mean the overseers (Pastors) who carry the message to the churches.

Remember...Paul did not want the Romans to understand the meaning of the symbols...and terms used.

The lampstands are the seven (7) churches.

Note: Churches = Lampstand on which the light is set.

Churches are not the source of the light

Churches are only the vessels within which the light shines

John 8:12, Jesus...the Light of the world

The Giver/Source of the light is Jesus.

Matthew 5:14, states that we are the light of the world.

The Christian light is always a borrowed light.

Jesus Christ...the same yesterday, today, and forever!

To the Christian...Be a reflector of Jesus' light.

Question: Can our reflection pass inspection?



Menorah = a seven-branched lampstand used in the ancient Tabernacle in the desert and Temple in Jerusalem; a symbol of Judaism since ancient times and the emblem of the modern state of Israel.

The 7 golden candlesticks...each are to produce light.

Every church is to be a light but not the source of light.

But, what will happen when we see Jesus?

- *You will see unblemished purity and unbending strength.*
- *You will feel His unending presence and know His unbridled protection.*
- *All that He is, you will be....for you will be like Jesus!*

The promise of John. "We know that when Christ comes again, we will be like Him, because we will see Him as He really is." 1 John 3:2.

- ✓ *Since you'll be pure as snow, you will never sin again.*
- ✓ *Since you will be as strong as bronze, you will never stumble again.*
- ✓ *Since you will dwell near the river, you will never be lonely again.*
- ✓ *Since the work of the priest will have been finished, you will never doubt again.*

After we fall at Jesus feet, He will tell all of us to get up and rejoice for the bridegroom has come to redeem His bride.

Then...we will cry, laugh, dance, and praise the One who is the Truth...and we will have been set free...to the uttermost.

