

**I. HIS REVELATION TO THE EARTH**

- A. Revelation means “unveiling” – the veil was rent in twain
  - 1. Progression: God – Christ – John – Churches - Pastors
  - 2. Blessing: On reading but also must HEAR and KEEP – REV. 22:18
  - 3. The Time: Is at hand!
- B. To the 7 Churches in Asia
  - 1. Specific in instruction but broad in application
  - 2. Only God’s Word can do that – A preacher preaches a message...
  - 3. The Preacher didn’t know what you needed, but God did!
- C. The Return Address
  - 1. The Divine Greeting – Grace and Peace – REV. 1:4-5
  - 2. The Divine Order – Grace first THEN peace
    - i. EPH. 2:8 & 14 – “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” (14) “For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;”
    - ii. Salvation (Grace) brings PEACE (with God / Men / Ourselves)
    - iii. Christian – are you at peace? PSA. 116:7 – “Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.”
  - 3. The Divine Godhead (FATHER / SON / HOLY SPIRIT)

**II. HE CREATED THE EARTH**

- A. Alpha & Omega – the Eternal Being
  - 1. In the BEGINNING, God created the heaven and the earth
    - i. It was the beginning for heaven and earth but NOT God!
    - ii. In the beginning was the WORD – JESUS CHRIST!
  - 2. LUKE 21:33 – “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”
  - 3. We depend upon Him to exist (air, water, food, temperature)
  - 4. He is SELF-existent!
- B. Which is (present) Which was (past) Which is to come (future)
  - 1. We’ve talked about the past and the future
  - 2. But let us focus on the PRESENT for a moment
  - 3. No depth nor height, not near nor far can take you from His presence
- C. ISA. 9:6 – “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, THE MIGHTY GOD, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

### III. HE CAME TO EARTH

- A. He is the Faithful Witness – in His Life
  - 1. PROV. 30:4 – “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?”
  - 2. JOHN 8:38 – “I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.”
  - 3. We should be like Him – a FAITHFUL witness (not inconsistent)
- B. He is the First Begotten of the Dead – in His resurrection
  - 1. 1 COR 15:22 – “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”
  - 2. 1 COR 15:45 – “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”
  - 3. Even those raised from the dead went again into the grave
    - i. Lazarus – called forth out of the tomb but is dead today
    - ii. The young damsel in Mark 5 one day arose no more
    - iii. But JESUS – He arose to never die again
    - iv. And because of Him, Lazarus will, and that Damsel will
    - v. AND PRAISE GOD I WILL!
- C. He is the Prince of the Kings of Earth – in His power
  - i. When He was on this earth, Pilate called Him King of the Jews
  - ii. When He was on this earth, the Winds and Seas obeyed Him
  - iii. When He was on this earth, the demons trembled before Him
  - iv. The stars obey, the galaxies obey, the animals obey by instinct
  - v. Only mankind disobeys God. Have you ever considered that?

### IV. HE DIED FOR US ON EARTH

- A. He saw our need and PITIED US
  - 1. The book of James tells us that the Lord is “pitiful and of tender mercy”
  - 2. He Loved us – ROM. 5:7 – “For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. (8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
  - 3. It was His love – HIS heart of tender mercy
- B. He washed us in HIS OWN BLOOD
  - 1. HEB 9:22 – “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”
  - 2. It was blood throughout the Old Testament
    - i. The animals whose skins God used to cover Adam’s nakedness
    - ii. The ram caught in the thicket God sent in the place of Isaac
    - iii. The Passover Lamb whose blood covered the posts and lintel

- iv. The sacrifices in the Tabernacle and later in the Temple
- v. ALL pointing to ONE SPOTLESS Lamb that would come
- 3. And now the Book of Revelation tells us: WORTHY is the Lamb!
- C. He made us Kings & Priests (vs. 6)
  - 1. He has the power to do that since HE is the PRINCE of the Kings (vs. 5)
  - 2. Listen to the four beasts and the four and twenty elders – REV. 5:9-10
  - 3. Look at the answer! REV 5:12

## V. HIS SOON RETURN TO EARTH

- A. The Time is at Hand – REV. 1:3
  - 1. That means “imminent”
  - 2. Websters 1828 – “hanging over; impending; threatening; near; appearing as if about to fall on”
- B. The King is Coming, the King is Coming!
  - 1. REV 19:16 – “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”
  - 2. He cometh with clouds (vs. 7)
    - i. This is no thief in the night, not the Rapture pictured here
    - ii. This is His Chariot and Canopy Space
  - 3. This is Him coming in GLORY (Shekinah glory filling the temple)
- C. That leaves one simple question remaining: Are you ready?
  - 1. Christian are you ready to meet your Lord?
  - 2. My Lost Friend, are you ready to fall into the hands of a Holy God?
  - 3. Be Saved Today!