**JOHN’S VISION OF THE GLORIFIED CHRIST**

Revelation 1:9-16

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**INTRODUCTION**

Last week, we saw Stephen’s vision of the glorified Christ. We learned the circumstances surrounding his vision—faithfulness in word and deed. In our text today, we see some of the things that happened prior to John’s vision of the glorified Christ—circumstances that set the stage for that vision. We also learn several things about the glorified Christ. Let us examine this unusual text.

1. **THE ACTIVITIES BEFORE SEEING THE GLORIFIED CHRIST**
2. John was faithful in all of life’s circumstances: even **suffering** for Jesus.
3. John was faithful regardless of the results: even being **exiled** for Jesus.
4. John was faithful even in **normal** activities: in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day.

*We tend to believe that only saints can see the glorified Christ, and only during exceptional moments; but John’s revelation of Christ occurred during worship time.*

1. **THE APPEARANCE OF THE GLORIFIED CHRIST**
2. His **clothing** was a long robe with a golden sash across the chest—a kingly robe.
3. His **head** and **hair** were white like wool and snow— having majesty & authority.
4. His **eyes** were like blazing fire—seeing into the heart & soul.
5. His **feet** were like bronze glowing in a furnace—precious & pure feet.
6. His **voice** was like the sound of rushing waters—clear & powerful.
7. His **face** was like the sun shining in all its brilliance—overpowering splendor.

*When Stephen was at the point of dying, he focused only upon Jesus standing to receive him. John, however, had plenty of time to gaze upon the glorified Christ and described his glorious appearance in detail. He found that words are inadequate.*

1. **THE ACCESSORIES AROUND THE GLORIFIED CHRIST**
2. The Son of Man was standing among seven golden candlesticks (**churches**).
3. He was holding seven stars (**ministers**) in His hand.
4. His **words** were like a double-edged sword—separating truth from error, right from wrong, good from evil.

*John described the activities of the glorified Christ relative to His church in scattered locations and His ministers in these churches. They all belong to Him; and He comforts and warns them, as is His right to do.*

**CONCLUSION**

In his faithfulness to the Lord, John had a clear vision of the glorified Christ—a vision that gave him comfort in his lonely hours on the island of Patmos. In just a few short months or years, he would go from a **vision** of the Lord into the **presence** of the Lord. Beloved Friends, as children of God, we also shall someday go into His glorious presence.

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*When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You,*

*When I’ve found the joy of reaching Your heart, when my will becomes enthralled in Your love,*

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