

CP— 2/2/25

Revelation 1:12-20—The Glorified Lord in the Midst of His Church

What John saw next... not a parade but a house

Apocalyptic literature

- anchors our feet in the present by revealing unseen realities
- To unveil, to make known

Sermon Outline:

2 Corinthians 3:18— “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

- John got a vision, we get a book
- We are transformed into the image of the Son of God by the Spirit of God as we look to the Word of God for the glory of God
- Beholding is becoming
- What we need is a fresh view of Jesus...

1. Who John saw

- Identification — “one like the son of man” (Daniel 7:13-14)
 - One who has authority, dominion, power, kingly rule
- Location— “in the midst of the lampstands”
- Description
 - Our great high priest (Daniel 7)
 - Ancient of Days (maturity and wisdom, full of days) (Proverbs 16:31)
 - Zealous, omniscient, and all-seeing
 - All authority and power
 - Head of the Church
 - Full of Truth
 - Radiation the glory of God

**What is your view of Jesus?

2. How John Responded

- John fell at His feet as though dead
- Notice John fell not from but to
- Enemies fall back, but the Lord’s people fall to

***How do we respond to being in the presence of the Lord?

3. What Jesus said

- laid right hand on him
- “Fear not”
 - There is no one before and no one after
 - He is alive forevermore
 - He has the keys of Death and Hades (salvation, freedom, boldness)

***What is there to fear?

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. Think about how you would describe Jesus. What are some of the key words or ideas that come to mind?
3. How does the identification, location, and description that John gives of Jesus speak to you? How does it challenge your views of Jesus?
4. How does 2 Corinthians 3:18 apply to this text?
5. John fell not “from” but “to” the feet of Jesus. This posture shows worship, not terror. How does this contrast how others might react in the presence of Jesus? How does this shape our relationship and worship of Jesus?
6. Do Jesus’ words to John encourage you to boldness? How?