Sunday, Febraury 18, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

<u>Title:</u> The Revelation of Jesus Christ ... 2 <u>Series:</u> Revelation ... 2 <u>Text:</u> Revelation 1:1 - 20

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to look upon the glory of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

- ~ Last week we were blessed to have Jon and Amanda Fischer with us sharing the Word and their journey together in their Christian calling.
- ~ Two weeks ago we started our exploration of the Book of Revelation; we reflected on:
 - 1. The Holy Spirit's Introduction to the Book
 - 2. The Holy Spirit's Word to the Church and in Particular to the Seven Churches,
 - ~ The immediate observation is that it is NOT the book of revelations; the Holy Spirit announces that it is "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place."
 - ~ One of the interesting features of the book of Revelation of Jesus Christ is the numerous groups of SEVEN that are given in the book: seven letters to seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls of wrath, seven angels...that is just to mention a few!
 - ~ This morning our primary focus is on the revealed image of the glorified Christ Jesus. "We must look, not to the events about which it seems to us to speak, but to him who utters it." The Pulpit Commentary, Volume 22

1. John Heard a Loud Voice:

~ vs. 10, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet"

This is not like Elijah in 1 Kings 19:12, "And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper."

~ This verse calls to my mind Genesis 3:8, "And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

2. John First Notices the Attire of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

- ~ vs. 13, "and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest,"
- ~ Daniel 7:13, "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him."
- ~ Exodus 28:31, "You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue."

3. John Then Turns His Attention to the Person Jesus Christ:

- ~ 1) The HAIR, Revelation 1:14, "The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow."
- ~ Daniel 7:9, "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his

head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire."

~ "The Christ appears to St. John as a son of man, but also as a Divine Person invested with the attributes of eternity."

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- ~ 2) The EYES, Revelation 1:14, "The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire."
- ~ Deuteronomy 4:24, "For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."
- ~ Jeremiah 17:10, "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."
- ~ The flame, for the believer, purifies our conscience and ignites our passions.
- ~ 3) The FEET, Revelation 1:15, "his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace,"
- ~ Numbers 21:4 9, Israel murmured against God and God sent serpents among, at the command of the LORD Moses made a bronze serpent and set it upon a pole. (2 Kings 18:4)

~ John 3:9 – 18, Jesus instructs Nicodemus

- ~ 4) The VOICE, Revelation 1:15, "his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters."
- ~ Ezekiel 1:24, "And when the went, I heard the sound of their wings like a sound of many, waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings."
- ~ Daniel 10:6, "His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude."
- ~ 5) The RIGHT HAND, Revelation 1:16, "In his right hand he held seven stars,"
- ~ Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and earth are given to me.""
- ~ Ephesians 1:22 23, "And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, (23) which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."
- ~ 6) The MOUTH, Revelation 1:16, "In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,"
- ~ Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
- ~ Ephesians 6:17, "and take the helmet of sakxation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,"
 - ~ Revelation 2:12 & 16, 19:15 & 21
- ~ 7) The FACE, Revelation 1:16, "In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength."
- ~ Matthew 17:2, "And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light."
- ~ Revelation 21:23, "And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb,"

Conclusion: Summary of Revelation 1:17 – 20