

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: Revelation 1:9-20

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Letters -Revelation Study

Message Outline ...

Revelation 1:9-20 shows us the wonder of Jesus - the Son of Man - and why He calls us to not be afraid.

- There are 4 main schools of thought when it comes to interpreting the book of Revelation.
 - Preterism: Revelation addresses only events and circumstances in the 1st century.
 - Idealism: Revelation addresses timeless truths and does not deal with historical events.
 - Historicism: Revelation is a chronicle of Western church history.
 - Futurism: Revelation (most of it) speaks about future events at the end of history and leading into the eternal future.

**Relationships find their meaning in Jesus.*

**Suffering finds its meaning in Jesus.*

- There are three instances in the book of Revelation where visions of the Exalted and Glorified Christ are written down for the churches.
 - 1:12-16, we are given a picture of Christ Jesus walking among His churches.
 - 5:5-14, the Lamb of God seated on the throne in heaven.
 - 19:11-21, we see the King of Kings who is coming again.
- Why these visions of Christ? Why these messages to the church?
 - When we are *disheartened because of persecution.*
 - When we are *tempted to compromise.*
 - When we suffer we *identify with the Savior.*

Jesus Christ fulfills the vision of Daniel 7:13-14

**Life finds its meaning in Jesus.*

Questions for Growth ...

* In this passage, what three things does John identify as "ours in Jesus?"

* What are some of the fears that attempt to undo us in times when we might suffer ridicule for being open about our faith in Jesus?

* Re-read the description of Jesus Christ in verses 12-16. What kinds of feelings and images does this vision bring to your mind? What does Jesus reveal about himself in verses 17-18?

* What part of this message had the greatest impact on you. Why?

* If you have not heard this message, you can find it at <https://ridgelinecc.org/messages/>

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