

"The Vision"

Part 6

Revelation 1:9-20

Introduction: We have been looking at the vision which was given to John in Revelation 1 and in this vision John was permitted to see Jesus Christ in all of His glory. It is in this vision that we have been able to see Jesus Christ in the midst of the 7 golden candle sticks which represent the True church of Jesus Christ. We have also been able to see the present ministry our Lord as He is in the midst of His church and it is this present ministry which we have been looking at closely.

It is in the midst of the church that Jesus serves as our Great High Priest and in this ministry He provides all we need for this present life which we live.

1. He intercedes for us.
2. He provides wisdom for us.
3. He purifies us.
4. He identifies with us.
5. He empowers us.
6. He protects us.

This now brings us to where we are today in our look at Jesus Christ our Great High Priest.

7. **He provides spiritual light for us.**

Notice Revelation 1:16

When John looked at Jesus His countenance was as the sun shining in it full strength. This was a light so great that John could not look directly at Jesus Christ. This is the glory of Jesus Christ shining in His full strength.

John had glimpsed this His glory while Jesus walked the face of the earth.

Matthew 17:1-2

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

² *And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

Now there are 2 ways in which I want us to look at the glory of Jesus Christ.

A. **It is the light which is given to us as we walk through this life.**

First of all let me make it clear that this is not a picture of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. Notice what Jesus said in John 9.

John 9:5

⁵ *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

He is no longer in the world and the torch has been passed to those of us who know Him as Savior.

Matthew 5:13-14a

¹³ *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

¹⁴ *Ye are the light of the world.*

We are now the light of the world for we are His body. So when we see Jesus in Revelation 1:16 in the midst of the church it is NOT a picture of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.

But this is a picture of Jesus Christ and the light which He provides for you and me as we walk through this world of darkness.

1 John 1:4-7

⁴ *And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*

⁵ *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

⁶ *If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*

⁷ ***But if we walk in the light***, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

To WALK in the light is to walk in fellowship with our Lord. This happens as we keep our sins confessed and we live separated lives.

1 John 2:9-11

⁹ *He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.*

¹⁰ *He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.*

¹¹ *But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*

It is dangerous for believers to step out of fellowship and to stay there. It places us in spiritual darkness and there are many traps which have been laid by Satan.

Let me show you the blessings of walking in the light.

Psalm 89:14-18

¹⁴ *Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.*

¹⁵ *Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.*

¹⁶ *In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.*

¹⁷ *For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.*

¹⁸ *For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.*

Psalm 97:10-12

¹⁰ *Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.*

¹¹ *Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.*

¹² *Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.*

So we can see here the light which is given to us who are believers so as to light the path which we are given to walk.

B. This is the light which we reflect to this world.

In our universe today there is one sun which provides the light for the entire universe. On certain nights we look into the sky and we can see the full moon and when we do we often talk about the "LIGHT OF THE MOON". But the moon really does not produce light but it only reflects the light of the sun.

This is exactly what happens when we walk in fellowship with our dear Lord. We reflect His glory to the people around us.

Philippians 2:13-15

¹³ *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

¹⁴ *Do all things without murmurings and disputings:*

¹⁵ *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*

Now I want to show you something amazing!!!

In the Old Testament when Moses went into the mountain and God gave him the Law Moses came down with his face shining brightly.

Exodus 34:29-30

²⁹ *And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*

³⁰ *And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.*

This shining however did not last. It was a reflection of the glory of God which was absorbed into the skin of the face of Moses.

Now the Apostle Paul discusses this in 2 Corinthians 3 and then the last verse of the chapter he makes a marvelous statement.

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

This verse contains a contrast and the contrast is between we who know Jesus Christ and Moses. The glory on the face of Moses faded but the glory which is seen in us increases from glory to glory. This means that the closer we walk with the Lord the more we reflect the glory which is seen here in Revelation 1:16.

Let me show you a few verses.

Proverbs 4:18-19

¹⁸ *But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

¹⁹ *The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.*

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

² *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

³ *And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ **Ye are the light of the world.** *A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

¹⁵ *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

¹⁶ **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

Ephesians 5:8

⁸ *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:***

- C. **This is the light which will light the Kingdom and the new heaven and the new earth.**

Isaiah 60:19-20

¹⁹ *The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.*

²⁰ *Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.*

Revelation 21:9-11

⁹ *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

¹⁰ *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,*

¹¹ *Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*

Revelation 21:22-24

²² *And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

²³ *And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*

²⁴ *And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*

Revelation 22:5

⁵ *And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

Conclusion:

As we draw closer to our Lord today we are able to reflect His glory in the midst of the darkness. We must also remember that as we walk through this world we are surrounded by darkness and we need THE LIGHT to keep from falling into the traps of the enemy. Therefore we must walk close to Him. He is the Source of TRUE LIGHT.