

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## REVELATION CHAPTER 1:4-11 (5-6)

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### “JESUS CHRIST – CENTER STAGE” – PART 2

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#### ***The (A) Revelation of Jesus Christ,***

This Book, the Grand Finale of “the” Revelation of Jesus Christ

#### ***Revelation 1:4-11***

*John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, (and) from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, :5 (and) from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, :6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.(Amen). :7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, (Amen). :8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” :9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. :10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, :11 saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea*

**1.) From God’s Point of View**

**vv. 4**

**1<sup>st</sup>) God’s Accounting – “these seven churches”**

**2<sup>nd</sup>) God’s Geography – “this Asia”**

**3<sup>d</sup>) God’s Nature – “who He “is” at all times”**

**4<sup>th</sup>) God’s Position – “where He’s coming from”**

## JESUS CHRIST – CENTER STAGE

**2.) From Jesus’ Point of View**

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(and) from Jesus Christ, **the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.**  
To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, :6 and has made us kings and priests to His God  
and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. (Amen!!!).

## From Jesus' Point of View

1<sup>st</sup>)

**Faithfulness / He is Forever Faithful**

v. 5

...from Jesus Christ, **the faithful witness**

### **THE Faithful Witness**

He Gives The Exact Account with Perfect Detail

He is trustworthy, dependable, keeps His word

## My Friend, Jesus is Faithful

**To a Lukewarm, Backslidden Church**

**Revelation 3:14**

“...to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

**HE TELLS THEM EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEED TO HEAR**

**- THAT'S BECAUSE, HE IS FAITHFUL**

**You Can Trust Jesus**

**John 14:8-9**

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

:9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

**John 4:21,23,24**

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. :23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**John 10:9**

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

**John 10:11**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

**John 6:37**

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

**John 6:35**

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

**John 8:12**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

# He is “Forever” Faithful

When Jesus Encountered a **Self-Righteous Man** – He rebuked him

When Jesus Encountered a **Legalist** – He resisted him

**But** When Jesus Encountered a **Broken Heart** – He forgave

When Jesus Encountered a Physically **Wounded man** – He healed

When Jesus Encountered a **Demonic Man** – He set him free

## What is God Like ? (Father, SON, Holy Spirit)

WHAT IS GOD LIKE - LOOK AT THE GOSPELS - WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT IS GOD LIKE - LOOK AT OUR LIVES - WHAT DO YOU SEE?

WHAT IS GOD LIKE - YOU SEE HIS FAITHFULNESS / NOT OURS !

### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### From Jesus' Point of View

2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Preeminence / He is our guarantee**

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...*the firstborn (begotten) from the dead,*

**Firstborn** grk 416. pro-tot-kos, pro-to-to-kos definition is context dependent = literally or a figurative sense. The preeminent, or foremost (in time, place, order of importance): – before all others, the first one to come, the best, the first among others to follow.

**ALL THOSE THAT JESUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD,  
DIED AGAIN IN THEIR LIFE TIME.**

**But Jesus was the First One**

to Die, to be Resurrected, Never to Die Again

The First-Born, as it Were, from the Grave, to Stay Alive Forever More.

### Psalm 2:4-7

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. :5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: :6 “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” :7 “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

### Psalm 89:24-27

My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn (throne) will be exalted. :25 I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers. :26 He will call out to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.’ :27 I will also **appoint** (designate) him my firstborn, the most exalted of (all) the kings of the earth.

### John 1:1,14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 3:16,18**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life...:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**Listen to How the Apostles Understood "Begotten"**

**Acts 13:33-34**

God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: "*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*" :34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption,

**Romans 8:29**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed* to the image of His Son, that He might be **the firstborn among many brethren.**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. :21 For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. :22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. :23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming.

LAZARUS HAD TO DIE AGAIN - THE WIDOWS' SON AT NAN, HAD TO DIE AGAIN

**Colossians 1:18-19**

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn** from the dead, that in all things He may have **the preeminence.** :19 For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all "the fullness" should dwell,

**Colossians 2:9-10**

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; :10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

**Hebrews 1:6**

And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

**(The Father Told the Angels to Worship Jesus)**

**From Jesus' Point of View**

**3<sup>rd</sup>) Dominion / He is the supreme ruler v. 5**

*...and the Ruler over the kings of the earth*

Every one of this world's leaders, are leaders under Jesus' watch.

**Daniel 2:47**

The king (Nebuchadnezzar) answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God *is* the God of gods, the Lord of kings,

**1 Timothy 6:14c-15**

...the Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, :15 which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only **Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,**

**Revelation 19:15**

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. :16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Him who *loved* (past tense) us...

## But the Meaning is;

*He Loved Us When it was Needed the Most,  
When it Counted the Most.*

“I Love You” – You Have Loved Me When I Needed Love the Most”

When Did You and I Need Love the Most?  
(I'll Tell You When – One Day in History)  
At the Cross, The Cross, The Cross

### Romans 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. :7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. :8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## ***Passion*** - The Thought is This;

That when no one else would love us, He loved us. When no one else cared, He cared.  
When no one else valued us, He valued us

### Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

### Romans 8:37

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

### Galatians 4:3-5

*Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. :4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, :5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

### 1 John 4:19

We love Him because He first loved us.

*and washed us from our sins in His own blood...*

washed grk 3068. *lou/w louo*, *loo´-o*; to bathe fully, to bathe the whole person completely.

### John 13:10

Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

# Consider the Power of the Blood of Christ

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **:10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **:11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

## Jesus Christ Didn't Sprinkle You with Salvation

He didn't Mist you with Redemption  
He Submerged You In Salvation  
And that Salvation is in His Blood

## Psalm 103:11-12

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; **:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

## The Other Day – Our Baptism Evening

231 of you were “Baptized” - “Submerged” in the Pacific Ocean in Baptism. You weren't bathed nor washed, **you were identified with Jesus' Death and Resurrection – Publicly!**

## The Typology of Water Baptism

The water is a type of the grave. You being dipped announces that you have now died to self, The coming up out of the water signifies your new resurrection life in Christ

## Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

## Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

## John 4:9-10

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **:10** Herein is love (currently), not that we loved God, but that he **loved** (past tense) us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

If You've Taken Jesus Christ to be Your Lord and Savior,  
Then You Can Be Baptized in Water.

## Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, (publicly) and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' (the qualifier)

## From Jesus' Point of View

**6<sup>th</sup>) Reward / He has given us authority v. 6**

and has **made us** kings and priests to His God and Father,  
to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.(Amen!!!).

# Grk; a “Kingdom” of kings and priests

Made us a “kingdom of kings and priests” = servants and ministers

## Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, :10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

## Why is that Even Important?

Remember In Old Testament Times, Wherever the Priests went, so went mercy.

- Wherever the Priests went, so went grace.
- Wherever the Priests went, so went forgiveness.
  - Wherever the Priests went, so went joy.

The End of the Book Says We Win – Through Jesus Christ Our Lord

### **Be Glory - defined**

*All our attention, all our efforts, all our passion, all our praise, all our worship.  
This Must Happen To You Personally First, Private Worship, Public Worship.*

### **Be Dominion - defined**

*Giving Him the Rule, Giving Him the Reign, Giving Him the Control,  
Giving Him the Lordship, Giving Him the Ownership, Giving Him the Kingship*

# THE PERSONAL APPLICATION

*These Things Will Happen / Once They Begin, It Will Be Quick*

## Will You See These Things **With Us** ?

## Will You See These Things **Without Us** ?

Will You See Them ?

But What Will Be Your View / Your Seating / Your Reservation

Today ?

You can receive Jesus Christ as Savior, from Sin  
And you can be baptized, Declaring Him as Your Lord

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