

TO THE CHURCH

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JOHN'S ENCOURAGEMENT IN JESUS

Revelation 1: 9-11 *I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.* ¹⁰ *On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,* ¹¹ *which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."*

John 16:33 *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Romans 8:22-25 *We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*

Philippians 3:10 *I want to know Christ - yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

As Christians we experience now both the "_____ of Jesus' resurrection," and the "_____ of his sufferings;" with the assurance that one day we will experience our own "_____ from the dead."

JOHN'S ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Revelation 1:12-20 *I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,* ¹³ *and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.* ¹⁴ *The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.* ¹⁵ *His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.* ¹⁶ *In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.* ¹⁷ *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.*

¹⁸ *I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.* ¹⁹ *"Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.* ²⁰ *The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.*

Daniel 7:13-14 *"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.*

Matthew 17:2 *Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.*

Isaiah 11:2-4 *The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding ...with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

John 1:1-14 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

As Christians we can have _____ that we follow the Lord Almighty, the One who has authority over all things, and we can _____ in Him.

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