

Epistle of Jesus Christ

Text: Revelation 1: 10-11 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22 (7 times for 7 churches) –HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES

Philippians 2:12 ...WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALAVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING

Isaiah 66:2... this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Matthew 22:37-38 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Introduction: Chapter 1 verse 1—The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants...**Revelation is divided into 3 sections**—Revelation of the GLORIFIED CHRIST; A message or EPISTLE TO THE CHURCHES; and, Revelation of FUTURE WORLD EVENTS.

I. First, LOOK QUICKLY at THE GLORIFIED CHRIST-Our awesome Creator

Creation vs. Man—Let's Compare who has the Fastest Speed Record

Man's FASTEST Speed in Space---Parker Solar Probe launched August 2018 — by December 2024, it will become the fastest spacecraft ever. At that point, the spacecraft will be speeding along at a whopping *430,000 mph* ---

Creations' FASTEST Speed--Light Speed: (*186,282 MPS /670.6 million MPH*) -- 7.5 times around the Equator per second) -- **1559** times faster than man's fastest speed.

SPACE-Pluto --3.7 billion miles from earth—about 1 years for man/ Light Speed Travel = 5.5 hours

****Milky Way Galaxy--- Wikipedia- 170,000 to 200,000 light years across/ 100 to 400 billion stars**

****Total Galaxies in the Universe: 100 billion (estimated)**

CHRIST- Faster than Both Man and Creation-God is Omnipresent- Jeremiah 23:24 "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD."

Psalms 139:7-10 "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

II. Epistle of Christ"

NT: 4 Gospels, Book of Acts, 14 Pauline Epistles, (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians), Epistle of James, Peter, John, and Jude--- *Let me introduce you to the Last but certainly NOT the least Epistle—THE EPISTLE OF CHRIST*

Matthew Henry- Christ is in an intimate manner is present in his churches; he knows and observes their state; he takes pleasure in them, as a man does to walk in his garden. Though Christ is in heaven, he walks in the midst of his churches on earth, observing what is amiss in them and what it is that they want (lack). He declares that he knows their works, and therefore both his praises and his reproofs are to be strictly regarded; for he does not speak amiss: he knows exactly what to say to each one.

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To all whom this epistle shall come in mind--what is contained is Christ's message and is not of private interpretation, not intended for the instruction, reproof, and correction of those particular churches only, but for all the churches of Christ in all ages and parts of the world: and as there will be a resemblance in all succeeding churches to these, both in their graces and sins, so they may expect that God will deal with them as he dealt with these...

THINGS WE LEARN FROM THE "EPISTLE OF CHRIST"

1. CHRIST IS OUR CEO AND TAKES AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HIS CHURCH. HE IS WATCHING US --EVEN AFTER CONVERSION!
2. THE OUTWARD CHURCH & THE TRUE CHURCH—CHRIST SEES AND KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE—WE DO NOT!
3. SOME ARE NOT AS THEY APPEAR TO BE ON THE SURFACE- MANY CHRISTIANS AND CHURCHES HAVE HIDDEN FLAWS!
4. REGARDLESS OF HOW IT APPEARS-*THERE IS NO SAFETY IN NUMBERS*--NO ONE GETS AWAY WITH SIN IN THE END-----UNLESS THEY REPENT!
5. MANY CHRISTIAN LIVE LIVES THAT ARE WELL PLEASING IN GOD'S SIGHT!
6. PERSECUTIONS AND SUFFERINGS ARE SOMETIMES ALLOWED AND PERMITTED WITHIN THE CHURCH! But great reward awaits all those who suffer for Christ!
7. BEWARE OF LOSING YOUR FIRST LOVE FOR CHRIST!
8. FALSE TEACHERS ARE SCATTERED AMONG US AND CAN STEAL YOUR SOUL IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL!
9. CORUPT DOCTRINE IS SOMETIMES WITHIN OUR CHURCHES AND CAN LEAD YOU DOWN PATHS AWAY FROM THE TRUE PATH AND INTO SPIRITUAL DEATH!
10. WE CAN BE EASILY DECEIVED -- WE CAN EVEN DECEIVE OURSELVES!

REDEMIES

1. CHRIST WANTS THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN ERR TO REPENT. THAT IS ALWAYS HIS WISH--He give us room to repent while on earth.
2. CHRIST EXPECTS US TO WORK OUR YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING—Philippians 2:12,
Isaiah 66:2 "this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."
3. STUDY GOD'S WORD FOR YOURSELF- II Tim. 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth now to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
4. PRAY- communicate with Jesus in Spirit and Truth- daily and He will let you know where you stand with Him
5. IF YOU FOLLOW THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT- YOU WILL BE ACCEPTED AND LIVE A LIFE THAT IS PLEASING TO CHRIST. **Matthew 22:37-38 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.**

CLOSING: Just another sermon? Just another Sunday Church Attendance--Just another check in my box of good deeds—Let's go home and quickly forget about this sermon--**OR--HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE CHURCHES--HEED THE WARNING- REPENT (if needed) AND CONFORM YOUR LIFE SO THAT IT PLEASES CHRIST---****Your Choice!**