The Vision of Jesus

Revelation 1:9-20
Outline of Our Study
Revelation 1:9-20

v. 9 Common Bond

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Common Bond
Verse 9

“Brother”

... expression in the N.T. for Christians

- Prayed Together
- Loved
- Supported
- Cared For
- Helped
“Fellow partaker - Tribulation”

. . . refers to John’s imprisonment and punishment

- During reign of Roman Emperor Domitian
- Domitian reigned A.D. 81-96
- Christians persecuted

. . . John was banished to the Island of Patmos
Seven Churches of Asia
Common Bond
“Kingdom . . .”

“Fellow partaker . . . In the Kingdom”

... refers to existing spiritual kingdom (John 18:36)

- Every believer is a member (Col. 1:13)
The Unexpected Ministry
Verse 10-11

“In The Spirit”

... Reminds us of 2 Peer 1:20-21

“Lord’s Day”

... Common 2nd century expression for Sunday

- Used by secular people
- Used by Christians
John Heard
A Voice

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The Unexpected Ministry
Verse 10-11

“Write . . . Send it to the 7 churches . . .”
When John Turned He Saw . . .
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 12

“Seven Golden Lampstands”

... symbols explained in verses 19-20
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 13

“Like the Son of Man”

. . . Jesus used it to describe Himself
(John 5:26-27)
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Was This For John?

. . . 2 & 3 John
. . . 1 John 1:1
. . . Rev. 1:5
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 13-16

The Vision of Jesus – 8 Descriptions

1. Body . . . Long Robe and Golden Girdle
2. Hair . . . white as snow
3. Eyes . . . like a flame of fire
4. Feet . . . like burnished bronze
5. Voice . . . like the sound of many waters
6. Right Hand . . . Holding seven stars
7. Mouth . . . sharp two-edged sword
8. Face . . . like the shining sun
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 13

1. Long Robe and Golden Girdle

. . . Garments High Priest wore (Ex. 28:4, 31-43)

. . . Josephus states,

- High Priest tied his garments together with a sash

Picture of Jesus as our High Priest

Ex. 28:2
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 14

2. Hair . . . white as snow

   . . . White or gray hair spoke of wisdom

   . . . Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31 and 20:29

Picture of Jesus as
Ultimately Wise and Holy
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 14

3. Eyes . . . flame of fire
   . . . Eyes speak of God’s ability to see everywhere
   . . . Flame of fire speaks of judgment
   . . . Hebrews 4:13; Matthew 10:26; Jeremiah 16:17

Picture That God Sees
Everything, Including Sin
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 15

4. Feet . . . burnished bronze
   . . . A king’s subjects bowed at his feet
   . . . Burnished bronze spoke of judgment
   . . . Psalm 8:6; 110:1; Romans 16:20; Rev. 2:18

Picture of Jesus
As a Righteous Judge
A Peek At Jesus

Verse 15

5. Voice . . . sound of many waters
   . . . Loud voice often refers to God
   . . . Ezekiel 43:2; Matt. 3:17; John 12:28; Heb. 12:26

Picture That Jesus Is God
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 16

6. **Right Hand . . . held the 7 stars**

   . . . *Right hand is a symbol of authority & control*

   . . . *Exodus 15:6, 12; Psalms 89:13; 98:1*

*Picture of Jesus Being In Absolute Control*
A Peek At Jesus

Verse 16

7. Mouth . . . sharp two-edged sword

. . . Broad, large, sword for cutting and piercing

. . . Revelation 2:12, 16

Picture That Jesus Protects His Own
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 16

8. Face . . . shining like the sun
   . . . God is light
A Peek At Jesus
Verse 17-18

Jesus Is . . .

. . . First and Last

. . . Living One

. . . Controls Death and Hell

- Decisive Victory At The Cross (Heb. 2:14)

- End of the War After His Second Coming (Rev. 20:7-10)
Symbols Explained
Verse 19-20

Seven Stars

. . . Lead Elders of each of the seven churches

Seven Lampstands

. . . The seven churches
To The Glory of God