

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Revelation 1:13-18**.
- B. his morning we spoke of the resurrection and how it was important that we believe in it to be saved.
- C. Tonight we shall take a look at our glorious risen Savior and see how wonderful He really is.
- D. Within the scope of the book of Revelation we see the saints suffering under persecution, therefore this vision of Christ is just what they need. (And we need, for that matter.)

I. A PICTURE OF THE RISEN CHRIST.

- A. This is a picture or vision of Jesus, although 1:13 might try to tell us otherwise. I believe it to be Christ for the following reasons:
 - 1. Remember John is seeing visions of things not the real things, so he says "like unto."
 - 2. The preceding article "a" is better rendered "the" and some manuscripts omit the article altogether making John speaking of "son of man."
 - 3. No one can fill these descriptive characteristics other than Jesus (angels cannot, no man, even an apostle cannot).
- B. In this very vivid description we see two articles of clothing on the Son of Man in 1:13b.
- C. And the remainder of the description is about 12 different things Jesus has and is (Rev. 1:14-18).

II. TWO ITEMS OF DRESS.

- A. Jesus is known as having on a robe which tells us that he can fit as a High Priest, a king, and a prophet:
 - 1. As a High Priest (Exo. 28:4; 29:5).
 - 2. As a king (1Sam. 18:4; 24:5,11).
 - 3. As a prophet (Dan. 10:5).
- B. The verse also states He wore a golden girdle which is the ephod, a breastplate upon which was the Urim and Thummin, of the High Priest.

III. TWELVE ITEMS OF DESCRIPTION (Only Jesus can fill).

- A. 1st: **Head and hair white like wool, like snow** (1:14a):
 - 1. This can have reference to wisdom, and eternalness.
 - 2. Snow will sparkle in the light because it is so pure (Dan. 7:9).
- B. 2nd: **Eyes as a flame of fire** (1:14b).
 - 1. These are penetrating eyes that know everything (Jn. 2:25).
 - 2. Can also be said these are the eyes of a messenger from God (Dan. 10:6).
- C. 3rd: **Feet unto burnished brass, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace** (1:15a):
 - 1. Brass was strongest metal of the day.
 - 2. After treatment in furnace had it had great brightness (Dan. 10:6; Ezek. 1:7; Lk. 18:8).
- D. 4th: **Voice like the sound of many waters** (1:15b):
 - 1. This denotes power, loudness, and great might (Rev. 5:13).
 - 2. A waterfall, or stream with rapids speaks of God's power.
- E. 5th: **In His right hand He held seven stars** (1:16a).
 - 1. Jesus upholds the entire universe (Col. 1:17).
 - 2. Bonnie's favorite verse (Job 38:31).
- F. 6th: **Out of His mouth came a two-edged sword** (1:16b):
 - 1. This can refer to the word of God which Jesus speaks (Heb. 4:12).
 - 2. It can also refer to His being a judge according to the word (Jn. 12:48, Rev. 19:11).

- G. 7th: **His face was like the sun's shining in its strength** (1:16c):
 - 1. Jesus is glorious in His majesty, almost too much to see (Mt. 17:1-8).
 - 2. Jesus' face shines brighter than does Moses and it was bright (2Cor. 3:7,8).
- H. 8th: **"I fell down at His feet as a dead man"** (1:17a):
 - 1. Jesus is one to be worshipped.
 - 2. Jesus has so much glory we probably couldn't help but fall down (Mt. 17:6).
- I. 9th: **Fear not** (1:17b):
 - 1. Jesus always gives great comfort (Mt. 17:6-7; 17:6-7).
 - 2. We need not fear the throne of God because Jesus is there (Heb. 4:16).
- J. 10th: **"I am the first and tie last"** (1:17c):
 - 1. Jesus is ever-present, from the beginning to the end (Rev. 1:8; Mt. 28:20).
 - 2. No one else can make this claim; nor any other god (Isa. 44:6).
- K. 11th: **"I am the living one, and I was dead, I am alive for evermore"** (1:18a):
 - 1. Jesus is ever-living, alive for evermore (Jo. 3:10; Psa. 42:2).
 - 2. Jesus builds on His resurrection (Hos. 1:10).
- L. 12th: **"I have the keys to death and Hades"** (1:18b):
 - 1. In the promise before, He says do not fear death (Mt. 16:18).
 - 2. Jesus has complete power over death and the underworld (Rev. 2:10).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. These things have been given to us that we might increase our faith in Christ as our resurrected king, High Priest, prophet, savior, mediator and righteous judges.
- B. We can be victorious in all trials and persecutions because Jesus is in control.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.