

Revelation 1 – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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The Revelation of Suffering

What a revelation has been given to us by the God who **died** for man. For what purpose was this sacrifice given, was it not to **save man**? Was it not to create in man a desire to respond to such amazing love? Yet, how few will in actuality respond with a **heart-felt appreciation** for such great a **sacrifice** for humanity?

As we begin to study this masterpiece of truth for this last generation, we will be greatly blessed. Those of us who have built on the solid foundation of the Sanctuary truth for these last days and the Book of Daniel--who gave a prophetic roadmap of the process of Judgment God uses to redeem His people, and who have been privileged to study the sealing messages entitled, “Prepare to Meet Thy God”, should be adequately prepared, if we’ve applied the counsels we’ve learned as we now come to the study of the Book of Revelation.

To understand this phrase which opens the Apocalypse and apply it, we must view this phase—*The Revelation of Jesus Christ* from the perspective of ‘suffering’. Christ would have us understand this reality, first in His life and then in ours, so that we can know in our own lives how to relate to the sufferings of the Son of God in our own experience.

***The Message to Present.**--Our lesson for the present time is, How may we most clearly comprehend and **present the gospel that Christ came in person to present to John on the Isle of Patmos,-- the gospel that is termed "the revelation of Jesus Christ"**? We are to present to our people a clear explanation of Revelation. We are to give them the word of God . . . Although we have in trust the grandest and most important truth ever presented to the world, we are only babes, as far as understanding truth in all its bearings is concerned. **Christ is the great teacher**, and that which He revealed to John, we are to tax our minds to understand and clearly to define. We are facing the most important issues that men have ever been called upon to meet. {CW 29.2}*

In order to present this “gospel”, even to our own people, we must first understand it, for we “are only babes, as far as understanding truth in all its bearings is concerned.” May God help us as we begin this most important study given to God’s people that we may know how to proclaim it to the world—the Righteousness of Christ, the Third Angel’s Message in verity as seen in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

As we consider the statement above regarding the “Revelation of Jesus Christ” termed the “**gospel**” we ponder this reality. Did the “gospel” involve “**suffering**”? Note this following statement from the book Education:

*Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator. All heaven **suffered** in Christ's agony; but that **suffering** did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity. The cross is a revelation to our dull senses of the pain that, from its very inception, sin has brought to **the heart of God**. {Ed 63.9}*



Therefore, the “Revelation of Jesus Christ” is the **gospel of suffering**. Do we have clear biblical support for this linkage? Let us look to the Epistle of Peter and we will find an amazing discovery. In the first chapter of 1 Peter, we find the apostle under inspiration tying the concept of “the trial of your faith” (vs.7), with the sufferings of Christ (vs.11). This he masterfully does through the stylistic prose of a *chiasm*. As we have learned in other studies, this is a technique both the Old and New Testament writers frequently used to convey deep truth, hidden from the casual reader, but that which the spiritual student of the Word discerned.

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1 Peter 1:7-13

As we study this theme, we shall find how true it is that all the books of the Bible ‘meet and end’ in the book of Revelation.

The purpose of the manifold temptations (the trial of our faith) is that it would be tried with fire that it might be found unto **praise, honour and glory** at the **revelation of Jesus Christ**. cf Rev 4:11 & 5:12 (provides insight into these verses)

This chiasm reveals how this revelation will be accomplished.
It is worth your efforts to study it!

A Revelation of Jesus -vs.7

B Prophets prophesied **grace** to you -vs.8 (cf vs.10)

C Prophets searched **timeframe Spirit** signified when -vs.10
(beforehand)

D **Spirit of Christ testified through the prophets** -vs.11
[Psalm 22 / Ps 119 / Isaiah 53]

D' **Sufferings of Christ & glory** that should follow -vs.11
[cf Acts 3:18]

C' Prophets ministered to us **grace Spirit** brought -vs.12

B' **Grace** to be brought unto us -vs.13

A' Revelation of Jesus -vs.13

This grace will be manifested in the seven Spirits of Revelation.

When a man is craving for truth, angels of God will be by his side . 1888 72.2

Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding

“Since this is the means which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it and preach concerning it?” {AA 50.2}
We need that “daily baptism of the Spirit...?”

“Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed...Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. {COL 139.1}

“Oh, that we might every one be humble sons and daughters of God! Oh, that we might have another touch of the Holy Spirit, and every heart be moved before we leave this house. Oh, that we might have a baptism of the Holy Ghost before we separate. Oh, that the love of Jesus might gladden our hearts with sweet music like a song of heaven, because the wickedness of our hearts is broken down and it may be truly said, “See how these brethren love one another.” {2SAT 15.3}

It is this baptism of the Holy Spirit that the churches need today. There are backslidden members and ministers who need to be reconverted, who need the softening and subduing of the Spirit. There are many who will need rebaptizing, but let them never go down into the water until they are dead to sin, cured of selfishness and self-exaltation; until they can come up out of the water to live a new life unto God. Faith and repentance are conditions essential to the forgiveness of sin” (being experienced)... You stand under the sanction and the power of the three holiest beings in heaven, who are able to keep you from falling. You are to reveal that you are dead to sin; your life is hid with Christ in God. Hidden “with Christ in God,”—wonderful transformation. This is a most precious promise.”{7MR 267.1}

Mar 62 – If we don’t overcome appetite (perverted appetite), we will not have Christian characters.

CD 382 – If we don’t overcome flesh foods in these last days, we will go out from God’s people and walk no more with them.

CD 380 –Those who are looking for the Second Coming of Jesus, flesh eating meat eating will cease from their diet.