

"Do Not Be Afraid"

BASED ON REVELATION 1:9-17

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE:

- **The Time is Near** for our Lord's Return
- One day, all the powers of Earth will bow down before Jesus
- The Book of Revelation is not a riddle—it's a look into the future
- Revelation is a comfort for those who know Christ and a warning to those who do not
- Jesus Christ is coming again to rescue those who believe in Him



We need not fear if we, too...

1. Hear the _____ of Christ.

Revelation 1:10–11, NIV84 - ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day [not "the day of the Lord" but "the Lord's day"—Sunday] I was in the Spirit ["His experience transcended the bounds of normal human apprehension." - J. MacArthur], and I heard [ἀκούω lit. "to hear" or "to be called" (acoustic)] 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."

2. See the _____ of Christ.

A. His Presence with the Churches (*Jesus is here!*)

Revelation 1:12–13, NLT - ¹² When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands [these are the seven churches]. ¹³ And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man [a reference to "the coming Messiah" in Dan. 7:13; Jesus calls Himself the "Son of Man" 81 times in the Gospels; it's the same phrase John used of Jesus on the cross.]

B. His Robe of Authority

Revelation 1:13, NIV84 - ¹³ ...dressed in a robe [ἱμάτιον, the robe of a priest worn in the temple] reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest [worn only by the High Priest.]

C. His Appearance of Wisdom

Revelation 1:14, NIV84 - ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

D. His Posture of Power

Revelation 1:15, NIV84 - ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

E. His Life-Force for the Churches

Revelation 1:16, NIV84 - ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars [these represent the seven "messengers" (pastors/angels)], and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

3. Experience the _____ of Christ.

Revelation 1:17, NIV84 - 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.

4. Yield to the _____ of Christ.

Revelation 1:9, NIV84 - ⁹ 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.



TO GET TO THE POINT OF "NO FEAR", WE MUST—AT ALL COST—COME TO A SPIRITUAL PLACE WHERE WE COMPLETELY YIELD OURSELVES TO GOD.



ANSWERS TO "DO NOT FEAR" MESSAGE

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1. Word

2. Wonder

3. Work

4. Will