

The Revelation of Jesus Christ
Revelation 1:9-20.

SMBC Family Devotion

Week of January 31, 2021

*This coming Sunday is Bro. Jono's 21st anniversary as our Pastor at SMBC. If you have a chance send him an encouraging note or text message this week. If you call the church office we can get you his new address.

*Be filled with the Spirit this week and heed the words of our Pastor and James, the half-brother of Jesus, who said, "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and *receive with meekness the implanted word*, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21.

Before you begin:

- Here are Bro. Jono's subpoints from his first point, "His Glory is Seen in His Pastors."
 - Humble leadership.
 - Sympathetic leadership.
 - Spirit-filled leadership.
 - Christ-experienced leadership.
 - Jesus-fearing leadership.
 - How do these same qualities translate to other areas of our life? How important are they for you as parents to model before your children?
 - If you as a parent have not modeled them before your children, have you repented before them and sought their forgiveness? If not, what is stopping you from doing that right now?

Read the text:

⁹I, John, ^[1]both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹saying, ^[g]"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches ^[h]which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying ^[i]to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸*I am* He who lives, and was

dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of ^[i]Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ ^[k]Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. ²⁰ The ^[l]mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the ^[m]angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands ^[n]which you saw are the seven churches.”

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Discussion:

1. Bro. Jono helped us to remember the “Glory” of Jesus Christ seen in this passage by alliterating, using words that start with “P.” Do you remember them?
 - a. Answer – His Glory Seen in His...
 - i. Presence.
 - ii. Purpose.
 - iii. Priesthood.
 - iv. Purifying Work.
 - v. Proclaimed.
 - vi. Possession.
 - b. What point stood out most to you?
2. Point #2 was, “His Glory Seen in His Purpose for the Church.” And we see that purpose revealed in the Church’s description in verse 12b, “seven golden lampstands.” What is the purpose?
 - a. Answer – “Seven” is the number of perfection, completion. Meaning the church is sufficient to prepare us for when we meet the Lord face to face.
 - b. “Golden” speaks of the value of the church. Read Ephesians 5:26-29. (Discuss as a family why the church must be the center of our lives.)
 - c. “Candlestick” or “lampstand” reminds us of what Jesus said in Matthew 5. The Church is the light, and the only light in this dark world, and we cannot hide this light but put it on display by way of the lampstand.
3. Bro. Jono’s last point was “His Glory is Seen in His Possession of His Church.” Oh how it should comfort our hearts that the Lord Jesus possesses the church and no fallen man or institution. He possesses the church, and he stays with the church. Here is the question we must all answer:
 - a. Does Jesus POSSESS me?

Prayer:

- Pray for those that Jesus does not possess. They may be your children sitting right in front of you. Pray for them. Boldly. Publicly.
- Pray you will come to church filled with the Holy Spirit!