

A PORTRAIT OF CHRIST (Rev. 1:12-18)

I. His head and his hairs. v. 14

A. "White like wool, as white as snow."

1. Daniel 7:9¹³: "the ancient of Days, whose garments was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool."
2. Perhaps symbolic of the Godhead and Deity of Christ. + Wisdom
3. white hairs are connected with fatherhood and with patriarchal dignity. (Gen. 19:32)

B. This belongs to the glory and beauty in which our Lord now appears, and will appear to his saints at his 2nd coming.

C. It pertains to his eternal Deity, but also with his human majesty.

D. Mt. 27:30 - "and they took the reed and smote him on the head."

E. Rev. 19:12 - "on his head were many crowns"

II. His eyes - as a flame of fire. v. 14

A. a sign of intelligence - burning, all penetrating + Discerning Judgment.

B. Power to read secrets, to bring hidden things to light, to warn and search all hearts at a single glance.

1. Ps. 11:4 "His eyes behold, his eyelids
- Prov. 15:3 > try the children of men."
2. Heb. 4:13 "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do"

C. His sharp look is one of inspiring warmth to the good, as well as of consuming terror to the hypocritical and godless.

D. His eyes will search, try, and judge us all some day, so we had better pray for him to search and try us now - (Ps. 139:23, 24)

- III. His feet - like unto fine brass. v.15
- A. Like glowing brass - heated to whiteness, whose glow is almost insufferable to the human gaze - an image of terrible purity
 - B. These are the holy feet that will tread down his enemies in judgment. Brass is a symbol of judgment.
 - C. The place of his feet refers to his presence. Isa. 60:13 - "I will make the place of my feet glorious." *Triumphant over enemies.
 - D. Let us fall at these feet and worship

- IV. His voice ^{Powerful (Isa. 43:2)} as the sound of many waters. 15
- A. His majesty and power of voice is elsewhere referred to the dreadfulness of Christ toward his faithless servants and enemies - Rebuke (Jer. 25:30,31)
 - B. His is the voice that shall call the dead forth to judgment - Jno. 5:25
 - C. Heb. 4:7 "Today if ye will hear his voice harden not his heart" see also Rev. 3:20

- V. His hand: he holds the seven stars. v.16
- A. "The seven stars are the angels (ministers) of the seven churches." If they are true to their position, none can touch them, or quench their light. They shall shine as the stars forever.
 - B. Wounded Hands - Jer. 13:6, Ps. 22:16, Jno. 20:27
 - C. Illustration of woman in hospital who asked nurse, "Let me see your hands."

- VI. His mouth - a sharp, two-edged sword.
- A. Symbol of a magistrate's judgment
 - B. Heb. 4:12 - 2. Pet. 3:5 - Jno. 12:48

- VII. His countenance ^{Face} - as the sun. vs. 16
- A. int. of transfiguration
 - B. applied to Paul of Tarsus

THE UNVEILED CHRIST - Rev. 1:12-18

First of a series on the Book of Revelation.

His Character, 12-15

I. The Glorious ^{Messiah} ~~Christ~~. Rev. 1:13-17

1. white hair = holiness - v. 14
2. penetrating eyes = omniscience
3. Brass, strongest refined metal: strength, righteousness v. 15
4. Holds destiny of churches in His hand - v. 16
5. sharp, two-edged sword = keen, accurate judgment.
6. Face as sun shining = majesty - v. 16.

His Ministry 16-17a

The hand of Christ is never so filled with concern for the whole Church but that He can lay it with strength on the weakened & burdened individual.

II. The Living Savior. v. 18

(v. 17)

1. He is alive, not dead.
2. He is a present reality
3. He is standing in the midst of His churches. (v. 13), able to see all that is going on. He is concerned about His churches.
4. Christians need not fear going to any place to which Christ holds the key.

His Resources, 17b-18

- unending grace and power.

III. The Slain Lamb. 5: 6-13

1. a lamb, "having had its throat cut" —
sacrificed — yet alive. v. 6.
2. The purpose of his sacrifice —
to purchase or redeem us ~~to God~~. v. 9.
3. The extent of his redemptive sacrifice —
universal — every tribe, tongue, people, nation.
4. The means of it — "through thy blood."
5. The result of it
 - A. A Kingdom, even priests reigning
upon the earth. v. 10
 - B. Worthy to open the book of
God's purpose with His people. v. 7.
 - C. Rejoicing of the redeemed. 8-9.
 - D. Adoration of myriads of angels.
vs. 11-12