



Spiritual Prepping for His Glorious Appearing Maximize Your Provisions Part 2

Lesson Three • Revelation 1:4-5

Spiritual Preppers

Maximize their spiritual **PROVISIONS** until the Big Reveal!

➤ **Revelation 1:4-5** give us the typical greeting of a NT letter with a twist:

- 1) The Writer: "John" (Rev 1:9)
- 2) The Addressees: "to the seven churches that are in Asia"
- 3) The Greeting: "Grace to you and peace"
- 4) The Senders: "from Him... from...from..."

Ready or Not He Is Coming, So MAXIMIZE Your Spiritual Provisions!

1. Use Your PROVISIONS to the Max! (1:4)

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace..."

➤ The Grace of God "Grace to you..."

God's Grace Provides Us with...

A position we **don't deserve** and a power we **can't produce**.

So Use the Grace God Has Provided to the Max!

➤ The Peace of God "Grace to you and peace..."

God's Peace Provides Us with...

Reconciliation with God despite our hostility and **contentment from** God despite our circumstances.

So Use the Peace God Has Provided to the Max!

➤ The Church of God "John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace..."

God's Church Provides Us with...His place to **RECEIVE** His provisions!

So Use the Local Church God Has Provided to the Max by SHARING His provisions with His people!

2. Know Your PROVIDER to the Max! (1:4-5)

"from Him...and from...and from..."

➤ The **ETERNAL** Father Exodus 3:14-15

"from Him who is and who was and who is to come"

1) This is written like it a **proper NAME**.

2) The focus is on His **eternal UNCHANGING nature**.

3) The order puts the stress on God being with us in **our PRESENT tribulations and persecutions**

4) The ending highlights the **FUTURE presence** of the Father as "**coming but not yet here**."



➤ The **EMPOWERING** Spirit *Isaiah 11:2; Zechariah 4:6*

"and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne"

Why Is the Holy Spirit Described as "the Seven Spirits"?

- 1) Symbolizes the divine **FULLNESS** of the Holy Spirit as the Second Person of the Trinity. (*Isaiah 11:2*)
- 2) Symbolizes the divine **FUNCTION** of the Holy Spirit as the presence and power of God on earth through His Son and for His people. (*Zechariah 4:6; Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6*)

What Does the Spirit Do in the Book of Revelation?

- 1) Empowers John to see and hear all that is in the Book of Revelation.
"I was in the Spirit" (1:10; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10)
- 2) Empowers God's people to hear and hold to prophecies about Jesus' Second Coming.
"The spirit of prophecy" (19:10; 22:6)
- 3) Empowers God's people to hear what Jesus is saying to his local churches.
"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)
- 4) Empowers God's people to faithfully witness about His coming to the lost! (*14:13; 22:17*)
The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who 'hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost." Revelation 22:17

➤ The **EXALTED** Son

"and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

- 1) The **FAITHFUL One** who **has represented** God to the point of death!
"the faithful witness" (cf. 3:14 and 19:11; Psalm 89:36-37)

WHY Does Jesus Give Us Grace and Peace in Our Lives?

- 2) The **FIRST One** who **is risen** from the dead to rule from heaven!
"the firstborn of the dead" (cf. Colossians 1:18; Psalm 89:27-29)

WHY Can We Have Grace and Peace Despite Our Circumstances?

- 3) The **FUTURE One** who **will return** to rule over the kings of the earth!
"and the ruler of the kings of the earth." (Revelation 17:14; 19:16; Psalm 89:27; Philippians 2:10-11)

WHY Can We Have Grace and Peace?

Ready or Not He Is Coming!

Are You Maximizing Your Spiritual Provisions by Knowing Your Provider to the Max?

- Yes! I will seek to use my spiritual provisions to the max!
- Yes! I will seek to know my sovereign Provider to the max!