



Spiritual Prepping for His Glorious Appearing

Change Your Perception

Lesson Six • Revelation 1:12-16

Your Spiritual Preparedness Depends on...

Checking Your PRIORITIES.	Rev 1:1-3	"The Revelation of Jesus Christ..."	Be Ready, Stay Focused, Bear Witness, Be Obedient
Using Your PROVISIONS.	Rev 1:4	"To you..."	Grace and Peace through the Local Church
Knowing Your PROVIDER.	Rev 1:4-5	"From Him..."	The Eternal Father, the Empowering Spirit, the Exalted Son
Fulfilling Your PURPOSE.	Rev 1:5-8	"To Him..."	Carpe Diem Coram Deo: Seize the Day for Christ Before the Face of God Until He Comes
Maintaining Your PERSPECTIVE.	Rev 1:9-11	"I was on the island of Patmos... I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day..."	Tough Time Perseverance, Primetime Persistence, End Time Perspective <i>Prime Time Will Get You Through the Tough Times Until the End Time!</i>

As a Result,

Spiritual Preppers Change Their PERCEPTION for the Big Reveal!

Revelation 1:12-16

1. Change Your Perception of WHO Jesus Really Is. (1:12-16)

"Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me." (v. 12a)

Change Your Perception of...

#1 His **SUPREME POSITION & PRESENCE**

"And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man," (vv. 12-13)

"The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands," (2:1)

- Seven golden lampstands (v. 20)
- And in the midst One like the Son of Man (*Daniel 7:13-14*)

#2 His **SOVEREIGN CLOTHING**

"...clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash." (v. 13)

- In the OT, this was the recognized wardrobe of **prophets, priests, and kings** who all exercised authority over God's people according to God's standard!
- In this passage, the robe down to the feet represents the right of Christ to judge His church! The right to **reward** her for fulfilling her purpose and the right to **reprimand** her when she fails!

#3 His **SINLESS CHARACTER**

"His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow;" (v. 14)

White Head and Hair Represents

- His **RIGHTEOUSNESS** with His sinless, white-hot holiness! (*Daniel 7:9*)
- His **REASONABLENESS** in judging the purity of our lives and church!
- His **REQUIREMENT** for His people and churches to make an impact on the world by being set apart from sin!

#4 His **SEARCHING GAZE** “...and His eyes were like a flame of fire.” (v, 14)

- Eyes represent His **PENETRATING** gaze into all things!
- Eyes like a flame of fire represent His **purifying** and **punitive** gaze!

#5 His **SMOLDERING JUDGMENT** “His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace...” (v. 15)

- The burning feet of brass represents Christ’s burning commitment to purify our lives.

#6 His **STRONG VOICE** “...and His voice was like the sound of many waters.” (v, 15)

- The powerful voice represents the all-powerful ability of the spoken words of Christ to accomplish God’s will.

#7 His **SPIRITUAL LEADERS** “In His right hand He held seven stars...” (v. 16, 20)

- The seven stars represent the seven “angels” sent to deliver the seven letters to the seven churches.
- The holding of the stars in His right hand represents the delegated authority, strict accountability, and special protection these pastoral messengers are given by Christ Himself!

#8 His **SEVERE DISCIPLINE** “...and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword;” (v. 16)

- The two-edged sword coming out His mouth represents His authority to severely discipline His people according to the Word of God!

#9 His **SHINING GLORY** “...and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.” (v. 16)

“to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen!” Ephesians 3:21

2. A Change in Your Perception of Christ Leads to a Change in Your Preparation for His Coming!

The Best Preparation for the Big Reveal of His Second Coming is the Same for Unbelievers and Believers Alike:

REPENT: A change of **mind** that leads to a change of **life!**

To the Church at Ephesus That Lost Its First Love for Christ But Didn’t Know It Due to Their Persevering Pursuit for Purity

“Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and **REPENT** and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place — unless you repent.” (2:5)

To the Church at Pergamum That Tolerated False Teaching in Their Midst:

“Therefore **REPENT**; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.” (2:16)

To the Church at Thyatira That Tolerated Sexual Immorality in Their Midst:

“I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to **REPENT** of her immorality. ‘Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they **REPENT** of her deeds.’ (2:21-22)

To the Church at Sardis That Was Dead But Didn’t Know It Due Their Busyness:

“So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and **REPENT**. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.” (3:3)

To the Church at Laodicea That Was Lukewarm But Didn’t Know It Due to Their Apathy:

“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and **REPENT**. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.” (3:19)

- What do you need to **turn your back** on today in order to see Christ more clearly for **WHO** He really is and **WHAT** He wants to do in and through you at our church?
- What do you need to **turn your face** toward right now in order to be truly prepared for His coming at any moment?

Ready or Not He Is Already Coming!

Change Your Perception and It Will Change Your Preparation: Turn Your Back on Sin and See Jesus for Who He Really Is!

“Listen! I am standing at the door and knocking! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come into his home and share a meal with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20 (NET)