

## May 30, 2010- Sermon Outline

### “My Name is John”

Revelation 1:9-19

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John was *"the disciple whom Jesus loved"* (John 20:2; see also, 13:23; 19:26; 21:7, 20, 24). Jesus' love for John didn't insulate him from suffering. *John 16:33b—“In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”*

Christ's victory through the cross and the resurrection is **INVISIBLE**. His future visible victory will end suffering (**Revelation 21:3-4**).

Until then many, like John, will suffer **ABUSE** at the hands of others. John was exiled to Patmos because he faithfully proclaimed Jesus: *I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus (v. 9).*

John could have assumed that his ministry was over. What, after all can a prisoner do? He can pray; be Spirit filled; and, receive a message and a commission: *10-11a I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, “Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches.*

Jesus rewarded John's faithfulness with a unique vision:

*12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;*

*13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.*

*14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.*

*15 His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.*

*16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.*

How did John react?

*17a When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man.*

What did Jesus do about John's fear?

*17b-18 And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.*

John was comforted and commissioned: *19 “Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. Your "prison," (literal or emotional) could be the product of your own mistakes or abuse by others.*

Jesus penetrates **BARRIERS**. You can feel His touch. You can be comforted, informed and productive in His Kingdom. John, as a prisoner wrote a book promising blessings for all who read, hear, and apply its message (**Revelation 1:3**).