



LOVE SO AMAZING

THE REVELATION AND THE RESURRECTION Rev. 1:5-6

2022 THEME

Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us**, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; **to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

Rev. 1:1 **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, **to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass**; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

❖ God wants us to know the Lord Jesus Christ. To know Christ is to know life:

Job 22:21 **Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:** thereby good shall come unto thee.

Jn. 10:10b “...**I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**”

This morning, we will observe the revelation of Christ given in Rev. 1:5-6. These two verses tell us Who He is, what He has done, and what He is doing right now in the lives of believers.

I. WHO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS

Rev. 1:5a And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

A. The Righteous One – “...the faithful witness...”

Jer. 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and **this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Prov. 14:5 **A faithful witness will not lie:** but a false witness will utter lies.

Jn. 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

18 No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.**

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ is revealed to us as “the faithful witness.”

❖ The Lord Jesus is mankind’s opportunity to “see God.”

Jn. 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 **Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.**

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

❖ No one has seen the Father, but His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jn. 5:36 But **I have greater witness than *that* of John**: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, **the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.**

37 And **the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.** Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

Jn. 6:38 For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

Jn. 8:18 **I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me** beareth witness of me.

Jn. 12:45 And **he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.**

❖ Philip's misguided request produces the importance of the principle by Christ.

Jn. 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

❖ After Jesus is revealed as "the faithful witness," He is revealed as the Resurrected One, "the first begotten of the dead"

B. The Resurrected One – “...the first begotten of the dead...”

Heb. 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels **for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; that **he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**

❖ Death is inevitable (Heb. 9:27,) but for the believer, the taste of death is promising.

Heb. 9:27 And as **it is appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:

❖ The Resurrection is the heart of the Gospel:

Acts 26:22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, **saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

23 That **Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead**, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

1 Cor. 15:14 And **if Christ be not risen**, then *is* our preaching vain, and **your faith *is* also vain**.

❖ The Resurrection is the most powerful display of God's plan for mankind:

Acts 4:33 And **with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus:** and great grace was upon them all.

Rom. 1:4 And **declared *to be* the Son of God with power,** according to the spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead:**

C. The Reigning One – “...the prince of the kings of the earth.”

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first **Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.**

17 Now unto **the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.** Amen.

1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times **he shall shew**, *who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;*

Rev. 19:16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

II. WHAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE

Rev. 1:5b “...**Unto him that loved us**, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”

A. The One Who Loved Us – “...Unto **him that loved us...**”

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

1 Jn. 4:9 **In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**
10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

B. The One Who Washed Us – “...**washed us from our sins in his own blood,**”

Psa. 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 **Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Isa. 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: **though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**

❖ Note the personal perspective of “...loved us...washed us...made us...”

III. WHAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS DOING

Rev. 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; **to him *be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***

A. The Preparation – Rev. 1:6a “And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father...”

Ex. 19:6 And **ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.** These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Rev. 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:
and **we shall reign on the earth.**

❖ Mankind, goes from vile and filthy sinners to be kings and priests in the service of the King of Kings!

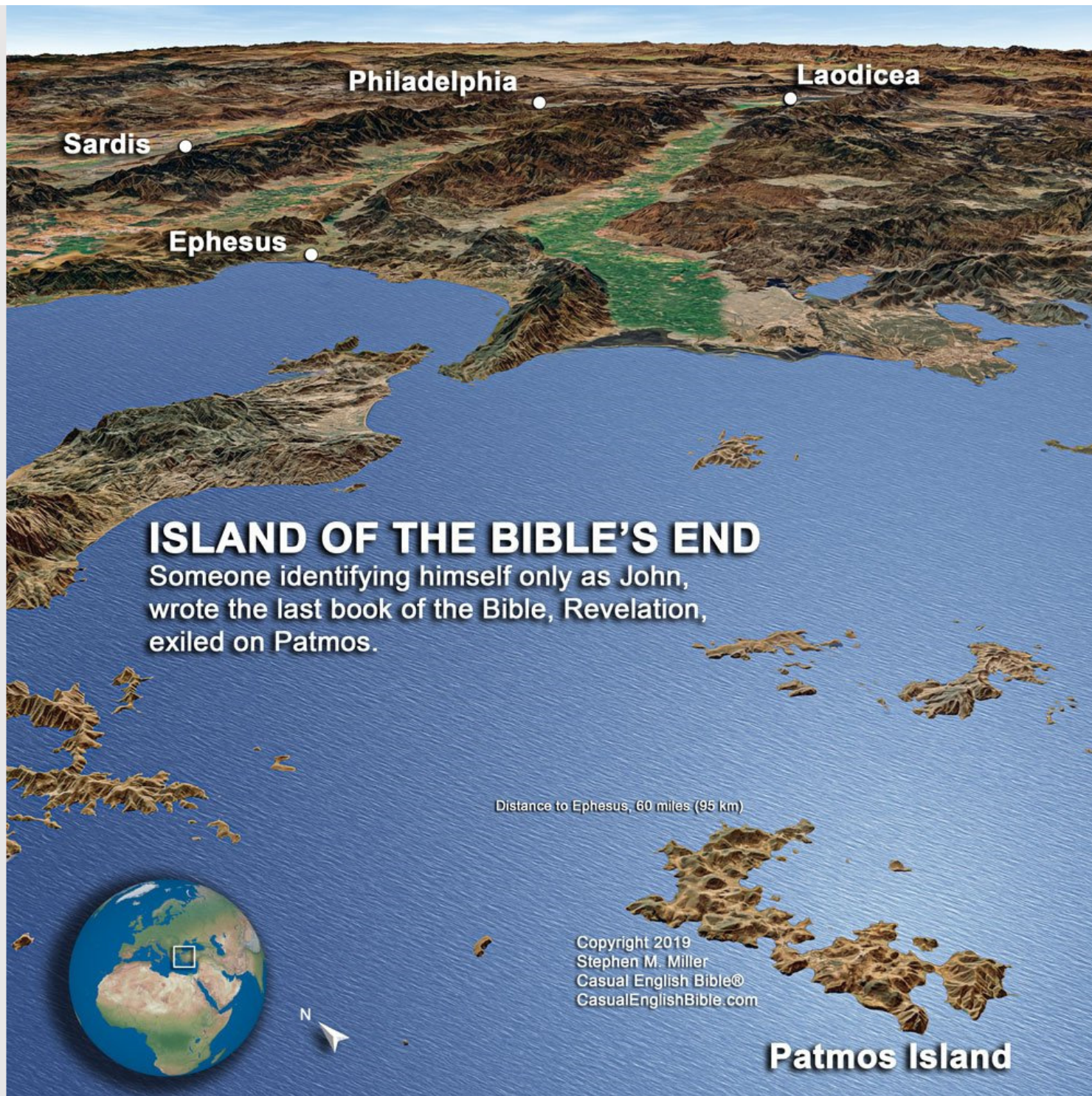
B. The Praise – Rev. 1:6b “...to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 Pet. 2:9 But **ye are** a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

❖ This revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ should cause every believer to “...shew forth praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

Conclusion

The Apostle John was on the isle of Patmos when the Holy Spirit moved upon him to write the Book of Revelation. He is now an old man, weary with life's consequences of his shining testimony. Patmos was a place of punishment and hardship, a rocky and lonely place.



Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

Laodicea

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Someone identifying himself only as John, wrote the last book of the Bible, Revelation, exiled on Patmos.

Distance to Ephesus, 60 miles (95 km)



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1 Tim. 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**

12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, **who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;**

14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times he shall shew, **who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;**

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: **to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**