

**Outline of the Messages
for the Thanksgiving Conference
November 27-30, 2008**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Message One

The Revealed Christ and the Testifying Church

Scripture Reading: Rev. 1:1-2, 9, 11, 13-16; 5:5-6; 19:10; 22:16a

- I. The entire book of Revelation presents the revealed Christ and the testifying church—1:1-2; 22:16a.**
- II. The whole Bible reveals Christ; the book of Revelation, as the conclusion, completion, and consummation of the Bible, is “the revelation of Jesus Christ”—1:1:**
 - A. The term *the revelation of Jesus Christ* indicates that Revelation is an unveiling of Christ Himself; this book is a picture, a depiction, of Christ—a revelation that unveils Christ to us—vv. 13-16; 5:5-6.
 - B. In Revelation certain aspects concerning Christ are unveiled in a unique way:
 1. We see the vision of Christ as the High Priest in the midst of the churches, caring for them in love yet with a judging attitude—1:13-16.
 2. We see the vision of Christ as the Lion-Lamb in the midst of God’s throne, of the four living creatures, and of the twenty-four elders of the universe, opening the seven seals of God’s universal administration—5:1—6:1.
 3. We see the vision of Christ as “another Angel,” a special Angel sent by God, offering incense with the prayers of the saints and coming down out of heaven to take possession of the earth—8:3-5; 10:1-8; 18:1.
 - C. In the book of Revelation, the revelation of Jesus Christ is unique and ultimate:
 1. Christ is revealed in His ascension as the Lion-Lamb, the worthy One who is worshipped by all the angels and all other creatures—5:3-6, 8-14.
 2. Christ is revealed in His administration among the churches and in the heavens; as the Administrator in the heavens, Christ is the One administering all things for the fulfillment of God’s economy—v. 7.
 3. Christ is revealed in His coming back with its two aspects—the secret aspect and the public aspect—1:7; 3:3b; 14:14; 16:15.
 4. Christ is revealed in His judgment on the church, on all the world, on the great Babylon, on Antichrist, the false prophet, Satan, and their followers, and on the dead—6:12-17; 8:1-2, 12; 11:14-15; 15:1, 7-8; 16—18; 19:11—20:3, 7-15.
 5. Christ is revealed in His possession of the earth—10:1-7; 18:1.
 6. Christ is revealed in His reigning in the kingdom—2:26-27; 20:4.
 7. Christ is revealed in His centrality and universality in eternity—21:9-10, 23; 22:1-2.
 - D. In the book of Revelation, Christ the Son is revealed as the all-inclusive One—the excellent, marvelous, mysterious, and wonderful One who is the focus of God’s New Testament economy—5:5-6:

1. The Son is Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth—1:5; 3:14.
2. The Son is the Son of God and the Son of Man—2:18; 1:13.
3. The Son is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, and the Alpha and the Omega—v. 17; 2:8; 22:13.
4. The Son is the living One, the Holy One, the true One, the faithful One, the Amen, and the origination of the creation of God—1:18; 3:7, 14; 19:11.
5. The Son is the Root and the Offspring of David, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and the Lamb—5:5-6; 22:16.
6. The Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Word of God, the morning star, the lamp, the Husband, and another Angel—18:1; 19:13, 16; 21:2, 23; 22:16.

III. The book of Revelation unveils the testimony of Jesus—1:2, 9; 12:17:

- A. The revelation of Jesus Christ is Christ Himself; the testimony of Jesus Christ refers to the church—1:1-2, 9; 12:17; 20:4.
- B. Christ is the Witness of God, the testimony and expression of God, and the church is the testimony and expression of Christ; as such, the church is the reproduction of the testimony and expression of God in Christ—1:5, 9:
 1. *Witness* refers to the person; *testimony* refers to what the person bears, to his work and doing—Acts 1:8; 4:33.
 2. The *Witness* is Christ Himself; the *testimony* is the church—Rev. 1:5, 9:
 - a. The Lord Jesus was God's faithful Witness, who testified God to produce the church, which is His testimony—v. 2.
 - b. Jesus was the Witness, and what came out of Him was the church as His testimony—vv. 4-5, 11.
- C. The testimony of Jesus is the enlarged Christ—vv. 2, 9; 1 Cor. 12:12:
 1. The living person of Jesus is the expression and testimony of God; the church is the testimony of Jesus, the corporate expression of Christ—v. 12.
 2. Our destiny as believers is that we would express the Triune God in a corporate way as the testimony of Jesus—Rev. 21:2, 9-11.
- D. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of the prophecy"—19:10:
 1. The spirit of the prophecy is the reality, substance, disposition, and characteristic of the prophecy of the book of Revelation—1:3.
 2. Since the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of the prophecy, the testimony of Jesus is the reality, substance, disposition, and characteristic of the prophecy of this book—19:10.
- E. The testimony of Jesus is the present revelation of Jesus Christ—1:2, 9; 12:17:
 1. In Revelation Christ is revealed, and the church is testifying the revealed Christ; this testified Christ is actually the revealed Christ—1:1; 22:16a.
 2. Our experience and enjoyment of Christ become His living testimony, and this testimony is the present revelation of Jesus Christ—Eph. 3:3-6, 8-9.
 3. Christ is revealed, we experience and enjoy Him and become His testimony, and our testimony becomes His present revelation—Rev. 1:1-2:
 - a. In our experience of Christ as a testimony to Him, Christ is revealed as the all-inclusive, excellent, marvelous, mysterious, and wonderful One.
 - b. We need to experience the all-inclusive Christ in a detailed way so that our experience of Him becomes not only His testimony but also His present revelation—Eph. 3:16-17a, 19b, 21; Rev. 1:9, 11; 22:16a.

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**Christ is the Witness of God, the testimony and expression of God,
and the church is the testimony and expression of Christ,
the reproduction of the testimony and expression of God in Christ.**

**We need to be rescued out of the present evil age and
saved from the crooked and perverted generation so that
we may be the testimony of Jesus—
the corporate Christ as today's ark.**

**In order to experience the golden lampstands
as the testimony of Jesus, we must be filled with the Spirit of Jesus
by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus continually
to bear the brands of Jesus as brothers and fellow partakers
in the tribulation, kingdom, and endurance in Jesus.**

**Through the process of transformation,
the Triune God is being wrought into and structured together
with us to the praise of the glory of His grace
with which He graced us in the Beloved for us to become
the New Jerusalem as the ultimate testimony of Jesus
and the good news to the entire universe.**