

Introduction

- I. John recounts for the churches to which he writes what happened when he received this revelation to gain their confidence that this word he brings is the word of Christ.
- II. This vision is necessary before looking at the word that Jesus Christ speaks to the 7 churches.

Christ among the Golden Candlesticks

I. Establishing Authority

- A. The one who sends this message to the church is identified as the exalted Son of man (13).

- B. This establishes His authority over the church for He is in the midst of the candlesticks.

II. Judging Sin - Jesus Christ in the midst of His church to judge sin.

- A. The text emphasizes that Jesus Christ is judge of the church.

- B. Jesus Christ is the righteous Judge of the church who encourages the church in doing good and rebukes and admonishes the sins and weaknesses in the church.

III. Comforting the Church

- A. The appearance of the glorified Lord made John afraid so that he fell at his feet as dead.

- B. Jesus gives wonderful words of comfort to His church, which is needed as He brings His word of encouragement and rebuke.