

INTRODUCTION

The revelation of Jesus Christ is given in terms of Jesus Christ as one of the three persons of God, the second person. The word that the church uses to talk about God as being one God in three persons is “the Trinity.” God as three-in-one, as Trinity, Jesus Christ being the second of the three persons of God, is a major feature of this book of prophecy. Right at the beginning, at the first mention of Jesus Christ, there is reference to how God carries out His work of grace toward us sinners by the three persons performing the saving work needed for us to be saved. And throughout this book of prophecy, much of the revelation is in terms of the Trinity.

This time we will look at how the book of Revelation refers to the first person of the Trinity, whom we usually refer to as God the Father.

TEXT

Revelation 1:1

KJV 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:

BODY

- I. God in Revelation Refers to God the Father
 - A. Many times the Bible refers to God, distinguishing Him from all creatures, but making no distinction among the three persons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - B. But many times, also, God is referred to, to distinguish between God the Father (the first person of the Trinity), and God the Son (the second person of the Trinity), who has taken on human likeness as Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit; you see that here in Revelation
 1. Rev 1:5-6
 2. Rev 3:2-5

- II. In Revelation, God the Father Is Identified as God of All, As Revealed in the Old Testament Scriptures
- A. As God of All Creation
 - 1. Genesis 1:1 compare with Revelation 4:11 (not meaning the Son of God, as He takes the scroll out of His hand Rev 5:1, 7, 9)
 - 2. Genesis 9:13 compare with Revelation 4:3
 - B. As God of Israel
 - 1. Jehovah/YHWH/I Am
 - a) Exodus 3:13-15
 - b) Revelation 1:4
 - c) Revelation 4:8
 - 2. the Lord enthroned in the temple
 - a) Is 6:1-3
 - b) Rev 4:1-8
 - C. As God of the Heathen Nations
 - 1. The God of heaven
 - a) Daniel 2:17-19, 28, 37, 44
 - b) [Jonah 1:9]
 - c) Revelation 16:10-11
 - 2. The living God
 - a) Daniel 6:25-26
 - b) [Jeremiah 10:10]
 - c) Revelation 7:2
 - 3. God on the throne as judge over all nations
 - a) Dan 7:9-10
 - b) Revelation 20:11-12

CONCLUSION

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...which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on him.

If no Trinity, then no divine person to take on our humanity and serve as a Mediator; or, according to the figure in Revelation, to be the Lamb slain to wash us with His blood.

1 Timothy 2:1-5a