

# The Glory of Jesus Christ

## Part 1

### Revelation 1:5

#### *Introduction:*

Review the introductory lesson.

Review how the eternality of God expressed in v.4.

Review how the Trinity is revealed in v.4-5. Explain that the number 7 is the number of perfection and will occur a number of times in the book.

Review the meaning of the name “Jesus Christ” that is used 3 times in vv.1-5. “Jesus” means “Jehovah saves”; “Christ” means “Anointed/Chosen One,” referring to the Messiah/ the Promised Savior.

In chapter one, verses 5-20, John gives us **11 truths about Jesus that reveal His glory**. It is very important that we understand these truths and keep them in our mind as we read and study the book of Revelation. One major purpose of the book of Revelation is to reveal to us most clearly who Jesus is—right now—and also what He will do in the future. Today we will consider the first three truths about Jesus.

#### **1. Jesus is the Faithful Witness (v.5).**

- When the Son of God became a man, He came to bear witness of what He has seen and heard in heaven. He came from heaven to reveal the eternal God to man. Everything that He said and did was to show what God is like.

#### **Read & Explain John 1:14, 18; 3:31-36**

- What was Jesus like? What did he teach us? What did He live like? What kind of an example was He? What did Jesus’ life show to us about God?
- As the “faithful witness” Jesus spoke only the truth. He taught only the words of God and not the wisdom of men. All that He said was true and can be trusted.

*Application: Believe the words of the Faithful Witness and receive eternal life! Study the example of the Faithful Witness so that you can be more like God and please Him with your life.*

#### **2. Jesus is the Firstborn from the Dead (v.5).**

- The word “firstborn” is not referring to Jesus being created before everything else. Jesus is the eternal God. There has never been a time when Jesus was not the Son of God. This term “firstborn” refers to Jesus being the first man to ever be raised from the dead to receive a new body. When Jesus was raised from the dead, He was raised in His body and His body was changed. He was given a new and glorified body. Because He was raised and was given a new body, so our bodies also will one day be raised again from the dead. We will receive new

bodies that are perfect and incorruptible just like His body! We will be holy just like Him, both in spirit and body!

**Read & Explain 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 50-58**

- Jesus is called the “Last Adam.” The first Adam, our forefather, brought sin and death into the world. All of us have been born in sin and must die because of our sin. Because the Son of God became a man, lived a perfect life, paid for our sins, and rose again, He made a way for us to be forgiven and made new—both body and soul. He is the Last Adam because His life and death brings us eternal life just like Adams sin brought all of us death.

*Application: Rejoice in the hope of the resurrection!!!*

**3. Jesus is the Ruler of Kings on the earth (v.5).**

- Jesus is the Son of God, one of the Three in One. He is the God who made all things and who holds all things in the universe together. He is in control of all the earth. This Almighty God humbled Himself and became a man in order to save sinful mankind from his sins. After He died on the cross and finished His saving work, He rose again from the dead on the third day. When He did, He was restored to His eternal glory. The day is coming (the Day of the Lord) when all of the people who have ever lived, including all kings and powers, including spiritual powers, will be subjected to Him and worship Him.

**Read & Explain Philippians 2:5-10**

- This is the day of mercy. God is calling all men everywhere to repent. The day is coming when He will no longer call men to repent but will instead come to judge all who do not believe on Him. He will then rule on the earth for 1,000 years even as Revelation 20 teaches us.
- What will the earth be like when He rules over all the earth during those 1,000 years?

**Read & Explain Isaiah 65:17-25**

- The New Heaven and the New Earth will come in two stages, just like the coming of Jesus will come in two stages. First, Jesus, the King of Kings, will change the heavens and the earth and will judge the nations. The earth will have total peace and prosperity under His reign for 1,000 years. After this, Satan will lead those who have been subject to the King, but not of their own will, to rebel against Jesus. He will destroy them and throw Satan into the lake of fire. After this, Jesus will remake the entire universe in perfect holiness without sin that will last forever.

*Application: Fear Him! Rejoice in the days of the King that are to come!*