

# LIVING 3:16 – WITH PASSION FOR JESUS

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-18; 3:14-22

**INTRODUCTION:** This lesson presents a sharp contrast between the passionate Jesus and the luke-warm church at Laodicea. Let's look first at THE PASSIONATE CHRIST.

## I. THE INTRODUCTION TO THE VISION, Revelation 1:9-11

1. Patmos is an island used for Roman penal purposes.
2. John was there "because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."
3. John sees his plight as part of God's plan.
4. When on the aisle of Patmos, John had a vision.
5. He heard a "voice" – either that of Christ or that of the angel who appears frequently to John (4:1; 5:2).

## II. THE SUBJECT OF THE VISION, Revelation 1:12-16

1. John uses hyperbole to describe the indescribable reality of the glorified Christ.
2. What does the seven-branched lampstand represent?
  - 1) Israel (Ex 25:31ff)
  - 2) God (Zec 4:10)
  - 3) The seven churches (Rev 1:20)
3. Among the lampstand is one like a son of man, 1:13
  - 1) His clothing, 13
  - 2) His hair, 14
  - 3) His eyes, 14
  - 4) His feet, 15
  - 5) His voice, 15
  - 6) His face, 16
  - 7) His sword, 16

## III. THE TRANSMISSION OF THE VISION, Revelation 1:17-20

1. John responded with awe.
2. Jesus identifies himself as "the first and the last" and as "the Living One."
3. These divine qualities are connected to his death and resurrection.
4. It was because of his death and resurrection that he has the "keys of death and Hades."

## IV. THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA

1. Jesus had nothing good to say about the church
2. The city was strategically located.
3. We see some of the history of the city in Jesus' comments.

## V. JESUS' WORD TO THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA, Revelation 3:14-22

1. Jesus begins with a word of judgment
2. The exhortation
  - 1) They were to buy.
  - 2) They were to repent.
  - 3) They were to hear.
  - 4) They were to open.
3. Jesus promised they would ultimately prevail.

## APPLICATION

- ❖ We need to stand in awe of the glorified Christ.
- ❖ We need to remain faithful to the glorified Christ.
- ❖ We need to tell others about the glorified Christ.
- ❖ We need to give thanks for the glorified Christ.