



“Fearful Comfort”

Revelation 1:17-18

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INTRODUCTION:

🔊 Prayer

🔊 Scripture

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1. What the revelation of the _____ of the Son of Man does.

1) It convicts us of our _____ separation from the one true Holy God.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man...[Rev 1:17a NASB95]

1) No man can see God and _____.

- 🔊 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" [Exo 33:20 NASB]
- 🔊 14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time--He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and **dwells in unapproachable light**, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him [be] honor and eternal dominion! Amen. [1Ti 6:14-16 NASB95]

2) John the disciple...

✳ ... _____ about the prophecy of the Son of Man.

- 🔊 13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, **with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming**, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and [men of every] language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. [Dan 7:13-14]

✳ ... _____ to us of God's Son veiled in flesh.

- 🔊 1 What was from the beginning, what **we have heard**, what **we have seen** with our eyes, what **we have** looked at and **touched with our hands**, concerning the Word of Life-- 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 3 **what we have seen and heard we proclaim** to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. [1Jo 1:1-4 NASB95]
- 🔊 6 [Christ Jesus] who, although **He existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] **being made in the likeness of men**. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [Phl 2:6-8 NASB95]

✳ ... _____ the miracles the Son of Man performed.

- 🔊 43 **When He had said these things**, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." 44 **The man who had died came forth**, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." [Jhn 11:43-44 NASB95]

✱ ... _____ **to the resurrection of the Son of Man**

1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up [to heaven,] after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to **the apostles** whom He had chosen. 3 **To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering**, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over [a period of] forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. [Act 1:1-3 NASB95]

✱ ... _____ **the Son of Man ascend to the Father.**

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. [Act 1:9 NASB95]

✱ ... _____ **the Son of Man's Father at Christ's transfiguration.**

1 Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. 2 And **He was transfigured before them**; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" 6 When **the disciples heard [this,] they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.** 7 And **Jesus** came to [them] and **touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid."** [Mat 17:1-7 NASB95]

2) We recognize the need for healing touch of Christ's _____.

17 ... And He placed His right hand on me, v 17b

✱ **Christ's touch restored** _____.

2 And **a leper** came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 **Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him**, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. [Mat 8:2-3 NASB95]

56 Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying **the sick** in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured. [Mar 6:56 NASB95]

✱ **Power** _____ **of the Son of Man.**

46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that **power had gone out of Me.**" [Luk 8:46 NASB95]

19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for **power was coming from Him and healing [them] all.** [Luk 6:19 NASB95]

✱ **Even in glory Christ's great power was** _____.

15 And they were bringing even their **babies** to Him so that **He would touch them**, but when the disciples saw it, they [began] rebuking them. [Luk 18:15]

✱ **Christ's touch of the hand brings** _____ **and** _____.

2. Christ gives reasons why you should never be _____.

17 ...saying, "Do not be afraid; [Rev 1:17c NASB95]. μὴ φοβοῦ

1) You know the one true _____.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because **you know Him** who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because **you know the Father.** [1Jo 2:13]

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2) Your Lord Jesus Christ is _____.

17 ...**I am** the first and the last, [Rev 1:17d NASB95]

- 13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**I AM has sent me to you.**'" 15 **God**, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**The LORD, the God** of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' **This is My name forever**, and this is **My memorial-name to all generations.** [Exo 3:13-15]

✳️ Tetragrammaton - see Got Questions video

3) Jesus Christ is the eternally _____.

17 ...**I am** the first and the last, [Rev 1:17d NASB95]

- 6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And **there is no God besides Me.** [Isa 44:6 NASB95]
- 1 In the beginning **was** the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ... 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. [Jhn 1:1-3, 14 NASB95]
- 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple. [Jhn 8:58-59 NASB95]

4) Jesus Christ is _____ himself.

18 and the living One; ... [Rev 1:18a]

- 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and **the life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me. [Jhn 14:6 NASB95]
- 4 In Him was **life**, and the life was the Light of men. [Jhn 1:4 NASB95]
- 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have **eternal life.** [Jhn 3:16 NASB95]

5) Jesus Christ died for the _____ death that you deserve.

18 ... and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, ... [Rev 1:18b]

- 21 He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. [2Co 5:21 NASB95]
- 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [Rom 5:8 NASB95]

6) Jesus Christ has _____ over physical death and the abode of the dead.

18 ... and I have the keys of death and of Hades. [Rev 1:18c NASB95]

- 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. [Heb 2:14-15 NASB95]