

The Revelation to St. John

John's Commission: Revelation 1:9-20

"For Your belov'd disciple exiled to Patmos' shore, and for his faithful record, we praise You evermore. Praise for the mystic vision through him to us revealed; may we, in patience waiting, with Your elect be sealed." -Horatio Bolton Nelson, "By All Your Saints in Warfare" (*LSB* 517, stanza 8)

Understanding the Text

Read Revelation 1:9-11.

1. How does John identify himself in verse 9?
2. What are the circumstances surrounding John's commission as described in verse 10?
3. What is the significance of the seven churches to whom John is to write?

Read Revelation 1:12-16.

4. How does John describe the exalted Lord Jesus in these verses?

Read Revelation 1:17-20.

5. After John has seen his risen Lord, how does he react in verse 17?
6. How does Jesus reassure and commission John in verses 18-20?

Applying the Text

Persecution is an opportunity for the Church to be faithful in confession and witness.

1. How are Christians today still partners in the tribulation (v.9)?

2. What comfort does Jesus give us in the midst of suffering for the sake of His name (vv.12-13, 20)?

Jesus is faithful to His promise to be present in His Church.

3. How is Jesus' still present in His Church today (vv.10, 16)?

Jesus judges us righteous on account of His death and resurrection for us.

4. How does seeing Jesus as the glorified Son of Man affect us (vv.12-17)?

5. How are we able to stand in Jesus' presence (vv.17-18)?