

The Apostolic Revelation of Jesus (Summary)

The Apostles of the early church focussed on Jesus the Messiah (The Christ). This is the focus the church of the Last Days must have.

So, who is Jesus? Not was, but is. This is who he revealed himself to the Apostle John as:

Revelation 1:4b-6 (NKJV) – *...from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.*

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4b-6 (AMP) – *...from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] before His throne, And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead [first to be brought back to life] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once [for all] loosed and freed us from our sins by His own blood, And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen (so be it).*

The Lord Jesus describes himself in these verses from Revelation as:

- (1) The faithful witness
- (2) The firstborn from the dead
- (3) The ruler over the kings of the earth
- (4) Him who loved us
- (5) Him who washed us from our sins in his own blood

To the apostles of the first church, Jesus Christ was the only foundation.

- No other foundation:

1Corinthians 3:11 – *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

- Taught and preached Jesus as the Christ:

Acts 5:42 – *And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.*

- The goal of perfection was Christ:

Ephesians 4:13 – *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

Colossians 1:28 – *Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*

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