Before the revelation of the great end-time events, Christ, the central character in the revelation had to reveal Himself to John. He identified Himself for John to know His authority, glory and majesty. His voice sounded like a trumpet. When God spoke to His people from Mount Sinai, His declarations came with the sound of a trumpet. The great year of Jubilee was announced with a trumpet. When the great day of resurrection shall come, it shall be with the voice of the trumpet of God. John was aroused and awakened to the solemnity of what he was about to see by Christ's great voice, as of a trumpet.

When John turned around to see who was speaking to him, commanding him to write everything he was about to see and what he will yet see, he saw “One like unto the Son of Man”. He had seen Jesus in the days of His flesh, now he was to see Him in His glorified form. He saw an awesome vision of the Son of Man. The description of the Son of Man he saw was so glorious beyond comparison with anyone he had ever seen. Christ revealed Himself with the symbols of His function, character and authority. His dignity was made to shine forth with judicial authority and kingly presence and power.

**Sacred and Spiritual Duties of the Glorified Christ**


John saw Jesus in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, that is, in the midst of all the churches. That is in faithfulness to His promise so that He may have fellowship with His people. From His messages to the seven churches, we learn that Christ observes and examines each church, supports and encourages the church, strengthens and protects the church, corrects and warns the church, promises to reward faithful overcomers in the church. Christ is seen in His exalted position and power as the Lord of His Church and the Lord in His Church.

In this vision, His garment and girdle show Him as Priest, Prophet and King. Wearing the robe won by the High Priest in the Old Testament, the glorified Lord is in the midst of His Church interceding, empowering, and revealing the mind of God to His people. As Priest He restores, and renews, rekindling our lamps and light; as Prophet He reveals the whole mind of God to us; as King He rules and reigns in our hearts and in His Church. As the High Priest was to keep the light of the candlesticks perpetually shining, so Christ’s duty is to grant us constant supply of the oil of the Spirit to keep our lights shining. He is a faithful High Priest; if we ask for needed grace He will not fail or deny us.

**Sublime Dignity of the Glorified Christ**

Revelation 1:13,14; Daniel 7:9,13,14; 10:2-6; Psalms 93:1,2; 104:1,2; Colossians 2:3; Romans 11:33,36; Proverbs 8:23-30; Revelation 2:18; 19:11-15; Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 11:4.

Dignity, majesty and honour shine forth as we behold the glorified Christ in this vision. He is exalted by the Almighty God, the Ancient of days. His description is parallel to that of the Ancient of days. In honour, glory and dominion, He is one with God the Father. His snowy white hair symbolizes the purity of His truth and the perfection of His wisdom. He is absolutely pure and perfect and His ministry in the Church is to purge and purify us with His blood so as to make us blameless and holy.

His searching, piercing, penetrating eyes see the depths of His Church with holy intelligence. He sees everything in the heart of everyone in His Church. He sees perfectly; there are no secrets and nothing misses His piercing, penetrating eyes. No deeds or thoughts can be hidden from Him. When He judges, He judges righteously; His commendations and condemnations are accurate. He is the divinely appointed Judge before whom the whole world will stand on the final day.
SYMBOLIC DESCRIPTION OF THE GLORIFIED CHRIST

This vision of the glorified Christ reveals Him through symbolic description. Take note of Him as (1) the Son of Man in the midst of the seven candlesticks, (2) the Son in priestly, princely, prophet’s clothes, (3) with snowy head and hair - symbols of supreme, divine wisdom, and (4) searching eyes, piercing, penetrating, probing every conscience, with (5) smashing feet to judge the condemned; (6) the sound of His voice is that of the mighty Conqueror, (7) and the seven stars are in His sovereign control, (8) the sharp Sword out of His mouth cuts and condemns the impenitent and (9) the shining Sun of His countenance radiates glory and eternal brilliance.

This picture of Christ is very instructive. The significance of His snowy white hair, and His eyes like flame of fire has been noted in the second part of this study. The feet like white-hot glowing brass symbolize judgment on sin. He cannot and will not condone sin in His Church as we shall see in chapters two and three. He will smash the rebellious and crush the unrighteous under His feet. His thundering voice shows His majesty, power and authority. He speaks authoritatively in His Church and to His Church.

He wields the sharp sword to defend His Church, to protect His Church, defeating those who attack His people. That sharp two-edged sword out of His mouth, a symbol of the Word of Christ, cuts and condemns with the sharp blade of judgment on sinners.

The Lord shines in His Church and shines through His Church. He reflects His glory through His Church. All who love Him must reflect and reveal His glory to the watching world.

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