

## DOXOLOGY OF JESUS CHRIST

### INTRODUCTION

#### REVIEW (six points)

- **Title** – Revelation of Jesus Christ – Revelation (apokalupsis/ unveiling/ apocalypse) 1:1a.
- **Primary purpose** – God gave this revelation to Jesus to show to his bond-servants things which must shortly take place – 1:1b.
- **Human author** – He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, who bore witness (martureo/ a.a.ind) to the word of God and to *the testimony (ten marturia) of Jesus Christ*, even to all that he saw – 1:1c-2.
- **Special blessing** – blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things that are written in it; for the time is near – 1:3.
- **Recipient** – John to the seven churches that are in Asia – 1:4.
- **Special greeting** – Grace to you and peace *from (apo+ablative) Him (God) who is and who was and who is to come; and from (apo+ablative) the seven Spirits who are before His throne; and from (apo+ablative) Jesus Christ* – 1:4-5a

#### Teachers differ as to the meaning of the seven Spirits.

- Some believe it refers to the Holy Spirit by making seven as a number of completeness.
- Some believe it refers to teaching angels like Gabriel (Luke 1:19).
- I believe the meaning is contained within the book and OT messianic prophecy (Rev.4:5; 5:6).  
“Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the *seven spirits of God*.” (Rev.4:5; Ex.25:37; Lev.24:1-4; Heb.9:2/ lampstand of Tabernacle/ *light is reflected the glory of the Lord*).

“Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the *seven spirits of God* sent out into all the earth.” (Rev.5:6; Zech.3:9; 4:1-10 – lampstand of Zerubbabel Temple/ reference to the *omniscience of the Lord*).

Therefore, I believe the *seven spirits of God* refer prophetically to God’s complete essence (omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, sovereignty, righteousness, veracity, immutability, love, eternal life, and holiness).

The NIV study Bible titles our lesson text (1:4-8) – “Greeting and Doxology.”

Doxology is a compound Greek word used in our text for the study of the glory of Jesus Christ.

*Doxa* – “as the glory of God is the revelation and manifestation of all that He has and is..., it is said of self-revelation in which God manifests all the goodness that is His, John 12:28.” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, pg.267)

This especially applies to God’s revelation of Himself through His only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

“*And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*” (Heb.1:3)

This lesson will identify 10 aspects of the DOXOLOGY OF JESUS CHRIST listed in our lesson text.

1. **Faithful witness (ho pistis ho martus)** – 1:5 (1:2; John 1:14,18; 6:46-47; 1 John 5:9-13).
2. **Firstborn from the dead (ho protokos ton nekros)** – 1:5 (John 11:25; Col.1:18; Phil.3:21; 1 Thess.4:16-17).
3. **Ruler of the kings of the earth (ho archon ton basileia tes ge)** – 1:5 (Psa.110:1; 1 Tim.6:15-16; Rev.19:16).
4. **To Him who loved (to agapao/ p.aptc) us, freed (luo/a.a.ptc)us from sins by His blood** – 1:5 (Savior/ Rom.5:8-9; Eph.2:4-10; John 3:16).
5. **He made us to be a kingdom, priests (hiereus) to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever** – 1:6 (1 Pet.2:5,9; Heb.5:6-10; 7:17,21-28).
6. **Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who piece Him** - 1:7 (Zech.12:10; Psa.22:16; Isa.53:5; John 19:34-37; Matt.25:64/ Second Coming).
7. **All the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.** – 1:7 (Matt.24:30; Zech.12:10).
8. **I am Alpha and Omega** – 1:8 (1:17; 2:8; 21:6; 22:13).
9. **Who is (ho eimi/ p.aptc) and who was (ho eimi/ impf.a.ind) and who is to come (ho erchomai/ pm.ptc)** – 1:8 – (1:4; John 1:1-2; 8:56; 17:4-5)
10. **The almighty (ho pantokratos/ ruler of all)** – 1:8 – (All powerful; omnipotent; 2 Cor.6:18; Rev.4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7,14; 19:6,15; 21:22)