

# “A SHOUT OF VICTORY”

(Message #8 – A Glorious Conclusion)

**Text:** Revelation 1:17-20  
**Subject:** The Foundation Of All Joy And Power

## Introduction

(For 7 Weeks We've Looked At Jesus In The Church)

**Question:** Who is revealing Himself?

**Answer:** Jesus is!

**Question:** Where is Jesus?

**Answer:** (Verse 13), “In the midst of the church”.

**Question:** Why the revelation?

**Answer:** To show us what Jesus is doing.

**Question:** What is Jesus doing in church?

**Answer:** He is building (your) life on the centrality of (His) life.

#1. Jesus reveals His **Robe** (like the High Priest).

◆ How He gives us access into the very presence of God.

#2. Jesus reveals His **Hair** (as white as snow).

◆ How He imparts His wisdom to those who follow Him.

#3. Jesus reveals His **Eyes** (as flames of fire).

◆ How He exposes and purges away our sin.

#4. Jesus reveals His **Feet** (of fine brass).

◆ How He dominates the power of sin to control you any longer.

#5. Jesus reveals His **Voice** (of thundering waters).

◆ How He is still speaking and leading His own sheep.

#6. Jesus reveals His **Hand** (of power).

◆ How He holds you by His grace, strength and power.

#7. Jesus reveals His **Sword** (of the Spirit).

◆ How the mirror of the Word brings change to anyone who wants to change.

**Question:** How did John respond to the revelation of Jesus?

**Answer:** The only way any of us would respond in verse 17:

“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead” (In other words)

◆ When Jesus shows up – nobody struts!

**Question:** How did Jesus respond?

**Answer:** He lays His right hand upon John and says to John (what He says to you),

## “Fear Not”

**Question:** Why doesn't John need to fear?

**Question:** What is it that comforts you and me?

**Question:** How does Jesus put a shout and a song upon every one that's here?

**Question:** What is all of our comfort based upon today?

**Question:** What does Jesus tell us that puts **faith and courage and joy** in all of us?

(Pg. 1 of 4)

**Question:** What's the good news that puts a song in your heart and a shout on your lips?

**Question:** What's the Word that removes all fear?

### (The Good News Is Found In 4 Revelations)

#### #1. Jesus Has Power Over "Time" (V. 17)

**Question:** How do we know that Jesus has power over time?

**Answer:** In verse 17 He said, **"I am the First and the Last"**

- ◆ It's the first words following the command to John (and all of us to "fear not").
- ◆ Now its one thing to tell someone to "fear not",
- ◆ It's quite another thing to be able to show the reason to be of good cheer (and "fear not").

**Question:** What are Jesus' first words to John?

**Answer:** "I am the First and the Last".

**Question:** What does it mean that Jesus is the First and the Last?

**Answer:** It means that Jesus has **power over time**.

- ◆ It refers to verse 8, **"I am Alpha and Omega"** (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet).
- ◆ It means that Jesus is the beginning and the end (and overseeing everything in between).
- ◆ It means that Jesus was first-before anything else was ever created:

"In the beginning was the Word" (John 1:1)

- ◆ It means that Jesus will be in charge of the ending of it all. (He said:)

**"This mortal shall put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15:53)**

#### (In Other Words)

#1. Psalm 31:15 says, "Your **times** are in His hands".

#2. Psalm 37:23 says, "Your **steps** are ordered of the Lord".

#3. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He makes all things beautiful in **His time**".

- ◆ Beloved, you can rest well – Jesus has power over **time!**

#### #2. Jesus Has Power Over "Life" (V. 18A)

**Question:** How do we know? (v. 18) **"I am He that liveth"**

**Question:** What is it that removes fear from the heart of every believer?

**Answer:** It is knowing that we serve a risen Savior and that Jesus really is alive!!!

- ◆ John called Jesus **"Living Water"**. (John 4:10-11)
- ◆ John called Jesus **"Living Bread"**. (John 6:51)
- ◆ Hebrews says Jesus **liveth** to make intercession for us. (7:25)

**Question:** How did Paul encourage Timothy just before Paul died?

**Answer:** He told Timothy this in II Timothy 2:8,

**"Remember that Jesus Christ is risen and alive"**

**Question:** What removed fear from Timothy's heart?

(Pg. 2 of 4)

**Answer:** Knowing that Jesus really is alive!

**Question:** How many of you know that Jesus really is alive today?

“I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today, I know that He is living, whatever men may say, I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him, He’s always near. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today:

**Question:** How can this be?

**Answer:** Because Jesus is alive and well!

**(Today)**

“If our circumstances find us in God, we will find God in all our circumstances” (Why?)

◆ Because Jesus is alive, (He really is alive).

**#3. Jesus Has Power Over “Sin” (V. 18A)**

“Was dead...but am alive forevermore”.

**Question:** How do we know this?

**Answer:** Because Jesus refers here to His historical victory over sin which causes death.

**(In Other Words)**

◆ Jesus says, “I was dead”

**Question:** Why did Jesus die?

**Answer:** Jesus died to appease the wrath of God against our sin!

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ We all sinned and were guilty.
- ◆ We all sinned and were condemned.
- ◆ We all sinned and were sentenced.

**(But In Death – Jesus Conquered Sin)**

**(Which Means:)**

- ◆ Jesus broke sin’s power to rule you any longer if you know Jesus!
- ◆ Jesus broke sin’s power to force you to be a slave to your carnal nature!
- ◆ Jesus broke sin’s power to keep you under the domain of satan!
- ◆ Jesus broke sin’s power by becoming our payment in full!
- ◆ Jesus broke sin’s power that led to Jesus’ death in the first place!

**(In Other Words)**

Be encouraged and shout with victory. (Why?)

- ◆ Because Jesus was dead (Yes) – because of sin.
- ◆ But now Jesus lives – because sin’s power had been broken for those who are in Christ.

**#4. Jesus Has Power Over “Death” (V. 18B)**

(Pg. 3 of 4)

“Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death”

**Question:** What does Jesus tell John?

**Answer:** “I have the keys”.

**Question:** What are keys for?

**Answer:** Keys are for opening locked doors!

**Question:** What two doors did Jesus open?

**Answer:** (Verse 18)

#1. “I have the keys of **hell**” (And) #2. “I have the keys of **death**”

**(In Other Words)**

“Fear not John and be of good cheer!!!”

#1. “I’ve delivered you from **death** so you too will live always”, (And)

#2. “I’ve delivered you from **hell** and the judgment to come upon the unsaved”.

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ You have everything to live for!
- ◆ You have everything to look forward to!
- ◆ You have all your past sins covered!
- ◆ You have nothing to fear as you age!
- ◆ You have nothing to worry about when you physically die!
- ◆ You have not a worry in the world that I have not already addressed!

In II Timothy 1:10, “Jesus Christ has abolished death”

In Hebrews 2:14, “Jesus destroyed him who had the power of death”

In Revelation 21:4, “And there shall be no more death, or pain, or crying or tears”

In John 5:24, “You’ve passed from death unto life”

In John 14:19, “Because I live, you shall live also”

**“Fear Not Everyone”**

#1. I have power over ***Time!***

#2. I have power over ***Life!***

#3. I have power over ***Sin!***

#4. I have power over ***Death, Hell and the Grave!***

**AMEN!**  
Bill Kirk, Pastor

(Pg. 4 of 4)