



## Outline - Sunday, April 27, 2014

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**Sermon Title:** The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Gift to the Churches

**Scripture Reading:** Eph 1:1-17/Rev 1:4

**1. A Church centered prophecy:** Rev 1:4, 11

What is the Church?

a. The fallacy of a single *denominational* expression: "The word church"

b. Bride, virgin, witness, prophets, candlesticks, elders, New Jerusalem, saints, seed

**2. There are four major visions of Christ:**

a. In the Church: Rev 1:12-13

*Assurance—Accountability*

b. On His Ruling Throne: *Comfort*

Rev 5:1-5/Mt 25:31/Rev 3:21 (Co-regency)

c. Coming in judgment: Rev 19:11

*Vindication*

d. Seated with the Father and Spirit:

"in Edenic glory" 22:1 – Gen 2:8-10

*Satisfaction and Exaltation*

**3. The symbolism and O/T motif and terminology is a code:** Rev 12:1; 13:18

Compounded symbolism

Rev 4:5; 5:6 –7 churches—1:4 (the whole)

Merging metaphors:

Rev 13:1-2/Dan 7:1-7/Ezek 1:26/Ezek ch 10

Grotesque imagery:

Rev 9:2-3, 7-9/Ex 10:5, 13-15/Nah 3:15-17

**4. The theme is worship and warfare:**

a. The Redeemed in Worship:

Rev 5:11-13

b. The Persecution of the saints

Rev 12:7; 13:19 War 19:11

**5. The promise is that *He is already coming*:**

Rev 1:7; 2:5; 22:7

a. Correcting the church Rev 21:11

b. Rescuing His elect – Luke 18:7,8

c. Punishing the rebellious, sinful world

2 Thes 1:7-8