

Names and Characteristics of the Lord Jesus in Revelation 1 Through 3

- Christ (1:1) – the promised Savior who redeems us from sin and death forever.
- Word of God (1:2) – God’s Word (His promises, His works) became flesh and dwelt among us (See John 1:1-14).
- Giver of grace and peace (1:4)
- Him who is who was and who is to come (1:4) – Jesus created time and stands outside of it yet also enters into it in order to call us to Himself.
- Faithful Witness (1:5) – Jesus is faithful to speak only the words of the Father and do only the works of the Father (See John 5:19, 12:49, and 14:9).
- Firstborn of the Dead (1:5) – Jesus is the first dead man whom the Father has raised to life (See Romans 8:29-30).
- Ruler of kings on earth (1:5) – Jesus is sovereign over all the affairs of man.
- He loves us (1:5)
- He has freed us from our sins by his blood (1:5) – Jesus took our sin upon himself and offered up his life as a sacrifice to the Father. When we trust in Jesus, the Father’s wrath over us is removed because Jesus has removed our sin (See Romans 5:6-11).
- Made us a kingdom (1:6) – Jesus not only delivers us from sin but establishes us in His own kingdom in which there is no evil and will never perish (See Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 12:28 and Revelation 21:3-7).
- Made us priests to our Father (1:6) – Jesus’ work on the cross transforms our hearts so that we no longer live for ourselves but for Him (See 2 Corinthians 5:14-21).
- Glory and dominion belong to Him forever and ever (1:6) – All created things exist for His glory and He is the One who holds all things together (See Hebrews 1:1-4 and Colossians 1:15-20).
- He is coming (1:7)
- All tribes of the earth will wail when they see Him coming (1:7)
- The Alpha and the Omega (1:8) – Jesus Had the first word (the world was created through His word) and He will have the last word in all of creation when he returns to judge the living and the dead.
- The Almighty (1:8) – The ruler over all things. This word originates from אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה or אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה in the Old Testament meaning ‘Jehovah’ or ‘God of hosts’ which clearly and undeniably indicates the deity of Jesus and His Oneness with the Father.(See Deuteronomy 6:4).
- White hair, like snow (1:14)
- Feet like polished bronze (1:15)
- A voice like the roar of many waters (1:15)
- A sharp two-edged sword coming out of His mouth (1:16)
- A face like the sun shining in full strength (1:16)
- His appearance incites such enormous awe that human faculties shut down (1:17) – See also Daniel 10:5-9.
- The only One who can dispel all fears (1:17) – See 1 John 4:18.
- The First and the Last (1:17)
- The Living One (1:18)
- The One who is alive forevermore (1:18)
- The One who holds the keys of Death and Hades (1:18) – Jesus is the only One with the power and authority to save us from death and hell or cast us into death and hell.
- He knows our works (2:2)
- He notices when His Church is living faithlessly and He rebukes her for it (2:4)
- He calls His Church to repentance (2:5)
- He does not allow sin to go unchecked in His Church (2:5)
- The One who removes fear, even in the midst of suffering (2:10)
- The One who searches our hearts and minds and gives to each of us according to our works (2:23)
- He is patient, giving us time to repent (2:21)
- He is just (2:23)
- He has been given the Father’s authority (2:27)
- Preserves through the hour of trial those who keep His word about patient endurance (3:10)
- The Amen (3:14) - nothing in all of history has happened, happens, or will happen apart from Jesus.
- The beginning of God’s creation (3:14) See Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 8:4-6, 15:25-28, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-4.

The Things That Jesus Commends His Church For

- Patient Endurance (2:2)
- Unable to bear with those who are evil (2:2)
- Testing those who call themselves apostles and are not and found them to be false (2:2)
- Enduring patiently (2:3)
- Bearing up for the sake of His name (2:3)
- Not growing weary (2:3)
- Hatred for works of darkness (2:6) which He also hates
- Holding fast to His name (2:13)
- Not denying His faith even when that faith leads to suffering (2:13)
- Bearing witness to Him (2:13)
- Love, faith, service, patient endurance (2:19)
- Character and conduct that is in a constant state of being refined (2:19)
- Keeping His Word (3:8)
- Not denying His name (3:8)
- Keeping His word regarding patient endurance (3:10)

Things That We Think We Need But Jesus Says Otherwise

- A smooth and level path (2:9)
- Money (2:9)
- A good reputation (2:9, 3:1)
- A pain free life (2:10)
- To look good (3:1)
- Lots of people on board(3:4)
- Power in the form of numbers and resources (3:8)
- Money (3:17)
- A polished resumé filled with good deeds for all to see (3:17)
- Nothing (3:17)

Jesus declares:

- ***"I am..."***
- ***"I know..."***
- ***"Here's the problem..."***
- ***"Here's what you are to do about it..."***
- ***"If you don't, I will..."***
- ***"Keep My word and My works until I come..."***
- ***"Here's what you can look forward to upon my return..."***

Things That Jesus Rebukes His Church For; His Corrective Commandment; and The Consequence for Either Ignoring or Listening to His Commandment:

"Here's the problem..."

● You have abandoned My love (2:4) [See 1 John 4:18-19]

"Here's what to do..."

● Remember it, repent, and do the works you did before you abandoned My love (2:5)

"If you don't..."

● I will come and remove Myself from you (2:5)

"If you do..."

● I will grant you to eat of the tree of life in the paradise of God (2:7)

"Here's the problem..."

● You tolerate false teachers who lead others astray (2:14-15)

"Here's what to do..."

● Repent (2:16)

"If you don't..."

● I will come and war against them with the sword of my mouth (2:16)

"If you do..."

● I will give some of the hidden manna, pardon for sin, and a new name (2:17)

"Here's the problem..."

● You either tolerate or hold to the teachings of false prophets (2:20,24)

"Here's what to do..."

● Repent of the works of false prophets and hold fast to My Word until I come (2:22,25)

"If you don't..."

● I will throw you into tribulation, kill your children, and give you what you deserve according to your works (2:22-23)

"If you do..."

● I will give you authority over the nations and give you Myself (2:26-28)

"Here's the problem..."

● You are dead (3:1); your works are incomplete in the sight of my Father (3:2)

"Here's what to do..."

● Pay close attention to what you received and heard (My Word) and repent (3:3)

"If you don't..."

● I will return, not to save you but to judge you (3:3)

"If you do..."

● I will remove your sin, give you life and confess your name before My Father (3:5)

"Here's the problem..."

● You think you are with me but you are not (3:16,20)

"Here's what to do..."

● Receive My salvation (3:18) and be zealous and repent because I love you and am disciplining you (3:19)

"If you do..."

● You will sit with me on my throne (3:21)