

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for February 11-12, 2006**

**“A Glimpse of our Glorified Lord”**  
**Revelation 1:9-11**

In Revelation 1:9-11, John begins to describe the circumstances surrounding his reception of this revelation from Jesus Christ.

**Characteristic #1: John Reveals His Identity (Revelation 1:9).**

First, John reveals that he had a fraternal identification with believers.

The word “brother” [ADELPHOS] was originally used in reference to an immediate family relationship. It was later expanded to refer to other family relationships. It eventually came to be used of those who possessed a common bond, interest or calling.

The idea of Christians as brothers is also quite frequently accompanied in a context or exhortation of love (Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 1:22).

Second, John reveals that he has a fellow participation with believers.

The term “fellow partaker” [SUNKOINONOS] is literally “partaker with you.” It comes from two Greek words [SUN] meaning “together” and [KOINONIA] meaning “fellowship or sharing.”

1-John is a companion in suffering.

He is speaking of a general tribulation, suffering or affliction that accompanies the Christian life during this present age (Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:20).

2- John is a companion in salvation.

The kingdom spoken of is ultimately the future millennial kingdom, which will be described later in Revelation 20 (Luke 22:29-30; James 2:5).

3-John is a companion in steadfastness.

The Greek term translated “perseverance” [HUPOMONEI] literally means “to remain under,” and is usually translated as “perseverance, or endurance.” It refers to steadfastness and perseverance under certain circumstances, which in the context here is present suffering (Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-4).

**Characteristic #2: John Relates His Imprisonment (Revelation 1:9).**

John clearly states that he was exiled on the Island of Patmos because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus. This is the testimony of Jesus bore through the preaching of the word by John.

**Characteristic #3: John Relays His Instructions (Revelation 1:10-11).**

First, notice the experience of John.

John's experience transcended the bounds of normal human comprehension. Under the Holy Spirit's control, John was transported to a plane of experience beyond the human senses so that he could receive this Revelation from Christ.

Second, notice the exhortation to John.

The voice like a trumpet gave the initial commission for John to write the book of Revelation (Revelation 1:19).

Like the Apostle John and like John Bunyan, as fellow partakers let us strive to be faithful witnesses for Christ.