

*For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:20)*

*in these last days [God] has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. <sup>3</sup>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, (Hebrew 1:2-3)*

*Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:2-3)*

## **THE UNVEILING OF CHRIST**

### Six Visions of Jesus from the Book of Revelation

#### **Four ways of reading the Apocalypse**

- (1) **Preterist:** a sketch of the conditions of the empire in the first century
- (2) **Idealist:** the eternal conflict between good and evil that persists in every age
- (3) **Historicist:** a symbolic presentation of the history of the church
- (4) **Futurist:** beginning in chapter 4, a prophecy of events surrounding the second coming of Christ

#### **A Rough Outline from 1:19**

- (1) Things which you have seen (Chapter 1)
- (2) Things which are (Chapters 2-3)
- (3) Things which will take place after these things (see 4:1)

#### **(1) Jesus Christ is Eternal God**

#### **(2) Jesus Christ is “one like a son of man”— Messiah, inheritor, incarnate God**

#### **(3) Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church**

#### **(4) Jesus Christ is the Lamb that Was Slain**

#### **(5) Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

#### **(6) Jesus Christ is Coming Quickly**

### **The Importance of the Seven Letters**

1 John 3:2-3, Revelation 3:3

Maintaining an active hope:

(1) Keeping it personal, (2) Faithful under persecution, (3) Not distracted by idols, (4) Not fooled by false prophets, (5) Persistent in the work of the gospel, (6) True to the word, (7) Never complacently self-reliant.