

# "I Hold The Keys"

BASED ON REVELATION 1: 17 - 20

DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NV • FEBRUARY 12, 2012  
All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets and modify words underlined with dots. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1191-1192.

## REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE:

- **Do not be afraid.**
- We need to hear the Word of Christ, see the wonder of Christ, experience the work of Christ, and yield to the will of Christ.
- To get to the point of "no fear," we must come to a spiritual place where we completely yield ourselves to God.
- We need to let Christ put His right hand on us and we need to hear His words, "Do not be afraid!"
- Jesus Christ is coming again to rescue those who believe in Him.



## Christ said Five Things to John

### 1. "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_!"

**Revelation 1:17, NIV84** -<sup>17</sup> *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid ...."*

**Revelation 1:17, NLT** -<sup>17</sup> *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid!"* [GK: A PRESENT, ACTIVE, IMPERATIVE with a NEGATIVE PARTICLE, meaning to stop an act that is already in process, lit., "you're fearing—stop it!"]

**Matthew 10:30–31, NLT** -<sup>30</sup> *And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.*

### 2. "I am the first and the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Revelation 1:17, NCV** -<sup>17</sup> *When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He put his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.*

**Revelation 22:13, NIV84** -<sup>13</sup> *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

### 3. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ One."

**Revelation 1:18a, NIV84** -<sup>18</sup> *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!*

- The resurrection was God's stamp of approval (Acts 2:24, Eph 1:20)
- The resurrection was God's demonstration of His Spirit's power (Rom. 8:11)
- The resurrection was God's demonstration of Jesus' power (John 10:17-18)

### 4. "I hold the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Revelation 1:18b, NIV84** -<sup>18</sup> *... And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

**Revelation 1:18b, MSG** -<sup>18</sup> *... See these keys in my hand? They open and lock Death's doors, they open and lock Hell's gates.*

### 5. I know \_\_\_\_\_ things.

**Revelation 1:19–20, NIV84** -<sup>19</sup> *Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. <sup>20</sup> The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.*

- Past - The things you have seen (Rev. 1—who Christ is)
- Present - The things that are (Rev 2-3—the seven churches)
- future - The things that will be (Rev. 4-22—future events)

## Practical Insights from Revelation 1

- The better our understanding of who Christ really is, the quicker we'll respond in complete surrender and obedience.**
- The greater our willingness to submit to Christ, the deeper will be the truths He reveals to us.**



**THE COMMITTED FOLLOWER OF CHRIST  
SHOULD NOT FEAR THE FUTURE.**  
(THE PERSON OUTSIDE OF CHRIST HAS EVERY REASON TO FEAR.)

## **ANSWERS TO "I HAVE THE KEYS" MESSAGE**

DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NV • FEBRUARY 12, 2012

**1. Afraid**

**2. Last**

**3. Living**

**4. Keys**

**5. All**