

Your Brother and Partner

Revelation 1:9-11
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What are we to discern from John's example in Rev. 1:9-11? We need more than a set of rules to measure ourselves.

COMMONNESS IN CHRIST (v. 9)

These things *in common*: tribulation, kingdom life and perseverance in Jesus. No waiting thousands of years!
Is there something God might want us to learn?

1. Tribulation.

A common trait of all who are in Jesus is tribulation (cf. Matt. 5:10; John 15:18-19; Acts 14:21-22; 2 Tim. 3:12). Jesus had predicted his generation would be persecuted (Matt. 24:9).

2. Kingdom life.

Passages on a present Christian kingdom: Col. 1:13, 14; 1 Thess. 2:12; James 2:5; Rev. 1:6.

Definition of kingdom life: Rom. 14:17.

3. Perseverance.

Those who persevere are those who finish the race: Heb. 10:32-39; 12:2, 3.

Notice the exhortation to perseverance in Rev. 2:2, 3, 19; 3:10, 12.

Consider Hebrews 12:2,3. Jesus participated in tribulation, kingdom and perseverance. We are to share each of these with Jesus.

CALLING FROM CHRIST (v. 9b-10)

John was called to Patmos. Notice the similarities to 1 Pet. 1:14-16.

John was called to be in the Spirit on the Lord's Day (v.10). What day is this?

1. **Day of Judgment:** Zeph. 2:3; Amos 5:20; 2 Pet. 3:10; see also, Rev. 6:17; 16:14.

2. **Day of Worship:** John 20:1; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2

God speaks loudly like the sound of trumpet (cf. Exod. 19:16, 19; Lev. 25:9; Josh. 6:5; Isa. 58:1).

Why would God use an old man like John and pass over someone like us?

COMMISSION FROM CHRIST (v. 11)

John is commissioned to be a herald—write and send.

Encouraged to be a herald: 2 Pet. 2:5; Isa. 40:3; Mark 1:1-8; 2 Cor. 5:19, 20; 1 John 1:1-4.