

What Jesus wants for his church - the vision we need

Revelation 1:9-20

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morning service, Sunday 11th February 2024



THE ONLY THING CRAZIER THAN LOVE
IS FAMILY

BASED ON THE BEST-SELLING NOVEL

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1. Jesus is the Lord of glory (v12-16)



2. Jesus is the Lord of life and death (v17-18)

“Do not be afraid” -

- Because of **who Jesus is** – *“the first and last”*
- Because of **what Jesus has done** – *“I was dead... now I am alive”*

“Thank you so much for coming along today to share in thanksgiving to God for all his unfailing love towards me. But in this, a form of postscript to my life, I want to turn the focus away from me, and onto you instead, and especially if you haven’t yet become a true Christian.”

“If you sense the risen Lord Jesus Christ speaking to your heart please don’t hold back. He’ll help you to turn away from all you know to be wrong in your life. And in receiving him by his Spirit, he’ll give you a completely new start... please reach out to him with an open heart and mind, and you’ll find that he is already reaching out to you in love, forgiveness and reconciliation.”

“And finally, remember that if there is such a thing as a heavenly café, then it would be a great pleasure to meet you there and buy you your first bacon roll.”

“...please reach out to him with an open heart and mind, and you’ll find that he is already reaching out to you in love...”

3. Jesus is the Lord of the church (v19-20)

- Jesus is with his people
- Jesus speaks to his people

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- ① Ephesus
- ② Smyrna
- ③ Pergamos
- ④ Thyatira
- ⑤ Sardis
- ⑥ Philadelphia
- ⑦ Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



Revelation 1v19

Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.

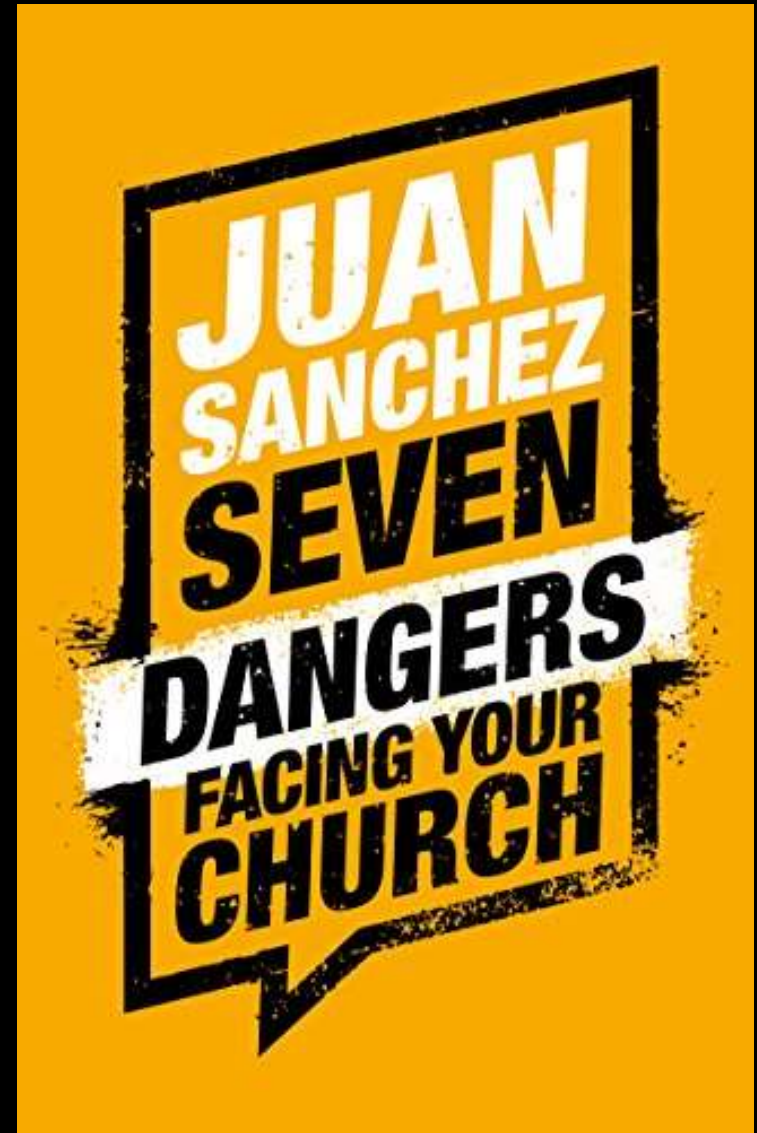
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- Jesus cares for his people

John 10v28

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

“The dangers we face may be overwhelming, but we will overcome them by looking to the all-glorious, risen Christ. He is with us; he cares for us; he protects us; he provides for us; he holds us in his right hand, from which nothing or no one can snatch us away.”



“In Patmos we suffer; in the Spirit we reign. The practical result at which Revelation aims is to make us see the first in the light of the second.”

