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Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are four appearances of Jesus in His glory [Revelation 1:13-16] as follows.

1. [verse 13] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The High Priest.
2. [verse 14] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The King of all kings.
3. [verse 15] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The Just Judge.
4. [verse 16] The appearance of Jesus in His glory as The Heavenly Bridegroom.

We are learning about the second one.

Revelation 1: 14

1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

There are two signs of the appearance of Jesus in His glory as The King of all kings as follows.

- a. **His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow.**

Proverbs 16: 31

16:31. The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.

The white hair is the same as the crown of righteousness.

Daniel 7: 9

7:9. "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

Daniel also saw Jesus with His white hair who sits on the throne.

Thus, Jesus has the crown of righteousness and sits on the throne. It is the same as Jesus as The King of all kings.

- b. **His eyes were like a flame of fire.**

Psalms 11:4

11:4. The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

The Lord's eyes behold His servants on earth. It means that He sanctifies and tests us until we are perfect. He pays attention fully to us, His servants in the world, in order to preserve, help, and perform miracle for us.

1 Corinthians 7:31-32

7:31 and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.

7:32 But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.

In return, we must also pay attention to godly matters or God Himself nowadays. It means as follows.

- a. **Our attention must not only to worldly things** because they make us worried.

Proverbs 12:25

12:25. Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Worrying means being bent over or having spiritual defect, so one cannot be perfect. It is as the condition of a woman who was bent over for eighteen years in the synagogue and stamped by 666 to be the same as the Antichrist and perish. It is also as the condition of Judas who was bound by the will of money.

- b. **We have to pay attention especially to godly matters or God Himself although we are still alive in the world.** We have many needs in the world, but we have to hope in God only.

2 Peter 1:19

1:19. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until

the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

The fact found in focusing on the godly matters is paying attention to the prophetic word. There are two kinds of the preaching of the Word as follows.

1. The Gospel of Salvation or Gospel Word, the milk, or Good News [Proverbs 25:25].

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

It is the gospel that preaches about Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross in order to save the sinners. The sign of salvation is believing or having faith in Jesus, repenting or stopping sinning to return to God, and being baptized of water and Holy Spirit or renewed by the water and Holy Spirit to get new life, namely life in righteousness. In such condition, we have the salvation.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, the solid food, or Bride Tidings.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

It is the gospel that preaches about Jesus' second coming in His glory as The King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the saved people until they are as perfect as Jesus is or become the heavenly bride. It is the prophetic word that reveals something that has not happened yet, but will happen for sure.

2 Peter 1:19

1:19. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

We must pay attention to the prophetic Word as we heed a lamp in the darkness. It means we hear it seriously with a need until we understand, believe, and obey it.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

4:5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

As a result, the light of the glory of Christ shines in our dark heart. The light of glory in our heart illuminates outside through the saying and deed that glorify God. The light of glory will be brighter and brighter until we become a bright morning star when Jesus comes a second time. We are as perfect and glorious as Jesus is. We become the bride of God.

There are three levels of the growth of the light of glory as follows.

1. **The light of a lamp.**

The light of glory in our heart illuminates outside, so we appear as a lamp in the house. **The facts found in it are as follows.**

- a. A husband becomes the head over his wife and the flow of physical and spiritual things for the wife and children. The husband takes decision in the household according to the Word of God. The husband also loves the wife as his own body and does not do bitterly toward her. As a result, the husband becomes the lamp in the household.
- b. A wife becomes the body. She is formed from the ribs in order to protect the weak parts of the husband and children through the worship prayer. She obeys her husband in everything. As a result, she becomes the lamp in the household.
- c. The children become the limbs. They obey the parents and lighten their burdens. As a result, they become the lamp in the household.

Mark 4:21

4:21. Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a

lampstand?

The result is the light of glory defeats the darkness of bed and basket. The darkness of basket refers to economy problem and sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse. The darkness of bed refers to sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all its kinds, sexual deviation, and wrong marriage.

2. The light of a star.

Daniel 12:3

12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

The light of glory in our heart illuminates outside in brighter light, so that we appear as the shining stars. The fact found in it is being wise and obedient to the true Teaching Word regardless any risk we have to face. For example, Abraham obeyed God when he was commanded to kill Isaac, his son. As a result, God is able to make all things good and He will never fool us. Being wise means we know the limit in our friendship like a star keeps on its orbit. Our saying and deed must be good and righteous to lead the sinful to righteousness and salvation.

Proverbs 24:14

24:14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

The result is our beautiful and joyful future life, up to the eternal life.

3. The light of a bright morning star.

It is the light of glory in our heart that illuminates outside with the brightest light, so that we appear as the bright morning star. We are as perfect as Jesus is. We become heavenly bride or New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:9-11

21:9. Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

The fact found in it is being as a jasper stone and clear as crystal.

The jasper stone means a flame of fire or faithfulness and fervency in spirit in doing the service and ministry to God.

Being clear as crystal means that we are honest, beginning from the matter of teachings and everything.

Being faithful and fervent in spirit, we are lifting up our hands to God and He will stretch His faithful hand to us. The result is as follows.

- a. The Lord stretches His faithful and just hand to forgive, remove our sins and deliver us from them, so that we can live in righteousness.

1 John 1:7, 9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The righteous are blessed by God up to the descendants and become blessings for others.

Psalms 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

- b. The Lord stretches His faithful and merciful hand that is able to help us and solve all problems even the impossible one right in His time.

Hebrews 2:17-18

2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

If the time of God's help has not come yet, it means that He is still busy with our life in order to correct our weaknesses. It is the provided time for us to surrender fully to God. As a result, the time of His help will come for sure.

- c. The Lord stretches His faithful hand to fulfill His promise to sanctify our body, soul, and spirit until we are as perfect and glorious as Jesus is.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

5:23. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

We will see Jesus face to face when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.