Which Jesus are you in love with?

The Apostle John was taken to heaven in a vision ...

• He was commanded to write what he saw.

"These things says He who holds the seven stars

in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the

seven golden lampstands:

- This is the only authorized account of someone going to heaven and coming back and giving a written account.
- His description of Jesus doesn't look like the picture on the wall.

The apostle Jesus loved ... Recipient - "the angel" Writer - the Apostle John Revelation 2:1 ... Introduction - John is told to write. To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,

ON EARTH - (John 13:23 NKJV) Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

ON EARTH - (John 19:26-27 NKJV) When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

ON EARTH - (Revelation 1:4-5 NKJV) John, to the seven churches which are in Asia ... 5 and from Jesus Christ ... [John is here giving his account after his vision.]

IN HEAVEN - (Revelation 1:17 NKJV) And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."

Paul was not permitted to speak ... (2 Corinthians 12:2-4 NASB95) I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows-such a man was caught up to the third heaven, 3 And I know how such a man-whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows- 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

WHAT YOU SEE, WRITE ... (Revelation 1:10-11 NKJV) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to

Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST ... (Revelation 1:12-16 NKJV) Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

WRITE THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN ... (Revelation 1:18-20 NKJV) I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this, 20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Speaker - Jesus Christ

Revelation 2:2-6 ... "Yearly" Review: Direct Message from Christ to the Church at Ephesus

His evaluation is perfect and complete:

- I know your works
- I know your labor
- I know your patience
- I know that you cannot bear those who are evil
- I know that you have tested false apostles successfully, found them to be liars
- I know that you have persevered and have patience
- I know that you have labored tirelessly for my name's sake

(Revelation 2:2-3) I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

(Revelation 2:4-5) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen: repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-unless you repent.

(Revelation 2:6) But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Some consolation ...

Christ Knows ...

Revelation 2:7 ... Promise

(Revelation 2:7) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

His standards were different than their standards. Nevertheless ...

- I have this against you.
- · You have left your first love.

This is what you must now do ...

- · Remember from where you have fallen.
- Repent
- Get back to first love

If they do not repent ...

- Then Christ himself will come guickly.
- He will remove their witness.
- He warns them again to repent.

Promise to the one who overcomes

eat from the tree of life