

EARS TO HEAR - A VITAL CHURCH



REVELATION 1: 9-20

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said:

“Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

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I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.



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In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. 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. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

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

“HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR
WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCH”

The living Lord:

Majestic

Active

Speaks to the churches

What He says is to be the focus of the
churches attention

THE SPIRIT:

1. Reveals Jesus to them – with distinct application
2. He affirms the good aspects of their character

AFFIRMATION

- Early Beginnings

In 1918 a man named John Marshall wanted to provide children with a place to be instructed in the Word of God on the Saanich Peninsula and began Mount Newton Sunday School.

- A Church Was Born

This developed to such a degree that eventually a church was planted. In 1942 Verdun Delgatty became pastor of Glad Tidings Church in Sidney and also pastor of Mount Newton Sunday School.

THE SPIRIT:

3. He corrects & challenges the negative
4. He calls for response
5. He describes consequences

THE SPIRIT SPEAKS REGARDING:

- 1. Spiritual Vitality**
- 2. Theological Vitality**
- 3. Missional Vitality**

SPIRITUAL VITALITY

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 15: 7,8

1. SPIRITUAL VITALITY

“AT OUR BEST”

A passionate hunger love for God and others

We “remain” in Him, intimacy with God – “First
love”

Spirit-empowered living - worship in Spirit

HIGHWAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

OUR VISION:

- EXALTING God in passionate worship
 - Living a Spirit EMPOWERED life

2. THEOLOGICAL VITALITY

“AT OUR BEST”

His words remain in us, we worship in truth

His truth sets free – “living, active”

We “make disciples”- “teach to observe all He commanded”

HIGHWAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

OUR VISION:

- EQUIPPING people in the Word of God through preaching and small group ministry

3. MISSIONAL VITALITY

“AT OUR BEST”

We are faithful witnesses – true to the mission of
God

“Ask whatever you wish” - for the Father’s glory,
we “bear much fruit” as His disciples

HIGHWAY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

OUR VISION:

- EMBRACING others in community
- ENGAGING people with the gospel through community outreach, needs based evangelism, and supporting local and international missions.

TODAY AND BEYOND

We at Highway Christian Fellowship recommit to our mission to see people transformed into fully devoted followers of Jesus, and we live that purpose out by prioritizing three things:
Loving God, Loving others and Making a difference.