

An Introduction to Christ

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I. Introduction. Text: Revelation 1.

II. Jesus is the faithful witness to the Father.

III. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead, which means He is the firstborn of those resurrected.

IV. Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Daniel 4:17)

V. Jesus loves us unconditionally.

A. He released us from the penalty of sin.

B. We can walk in the Spirit and no longer have to sin against God.

C. We are citizens of the kingdom of God, children of God, and priests of God.

D. Our problem is that we do not know how God views us.

E. If we are not excited about Christ it is because we do not know Him or sin is keeping us back.

Application questions:

1. How does the text characterize God? Explain.

2. What does it mean that Jesus is the “firstborn” from the dead? How does this give a Christian hope?

3. Why is it important to understand the believer’s position in Jesus’ unconditional love? Explain.
