

PRAISE, THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE

Revelation 1:5b,6

Introduction:

- A. What do the following texting abbreviations stand for?
1. Lol
 2. Fyi
 3. Hth
 4. Ptl
- B. The apostle John
1. Tradition states that the government tried to b_____ him alive, but he miraculously escaped death, so they exiled him to the island of Patmos.
 2. In spite of his lonely circumstances, he viewed things through God's perspective by p_____ the Lord.
- C. We tend to evaluate things through the lens of our circumstances. But John gives us three things to praise the Lord for.

Praise the Lord for Jesus's s_____ work (5b)

To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood

- A. Jesus's love was not confined to the p_____
1. His love is o_____
 - a. The KJV translates it as "To him who loved us" because of a discrepancy in the Greek copies.
 - b. The earliest and best copies all have the word love in the p_____ tense.
 2. This kind of love is agape love which is acting unselfishly for another's g_____
- B. Jesus's love for us was first experienced when He r_____ us from our sins.
1. The KJV translates as "washed" due to a discrepancy in the Greek copies (the words only differ by _____ letter).
 2. The moment you entrusted your life to Jesus, He released you from the p_____ of sin and the p_____ of sin.
- C. Jesus continues to unselfishly act for our good. He works a_____ things out for our good (Rom 8:28)

1. He d_____ us when we sin (Rev 3:19)
2. He c_____ us through others (2 Cor 1:3)
3. He a_____ us of our salvation (Rom 8:16)

Praise the Lord for Jesus's _____ work (6a)

He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father

A. The priesthood

1. Prior to the death and resurrection of Jesus
 - a. All males born in the tribe of L_____ served as priests.
 - b. Priests would present a person's s_____ to God on their behalf.
2. After the death and resurrection of Jesus
 - a. Jesus became the o_____ mediator between God the Father and believers (1 Tim 2:5)
 - b. He offered Himself to His G_____ as our sacrifice (see Matt 27:46; Jn 20:17 for this relationship)
 - 1) Prior to becoming human Jesus existed as the w_____ (Jn 1:1)
 - 2) When Jesus was born, He became the S_____ of God, since He had no biological father (Lk 1:14)
 - 3) Jesus lived like Adam should have, in complete dependence upon His God. This is why He is called the l_____ Adam (I Cor 15:45; Jn 5:30).
 - 4) He gave His life as the one-t_____ sacrifice (Heb 9:11,12) and is the only mediator between God the Father and believers.

B. The priesthood of believers

1. Believers are mediators between God and the un_____ world (1 Pet 2:9)
2. God has set us apart to serve Him to bring people to Jesus.
 - a. Let your l_____ shine in such a way that it brings attention to G_____ (Matt 5:26) – do g_____ to all people.
 - b. Always be r_____ to give an answer to anyone who asks about your relationship with the Lord (1 Pet 3:15)/
 - c. C_____ with others to do kingdom work

Praise the Lord for Jesus's _____ work (6b)

To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A. Glory has several meanings

1. B_____ (Lk 2:9)
2. Attention, c_____, honor (Lk 17:18)
3. P_____ (Matt 4:8)
4. (The accompanying word dominion helps define the word to mean power or honor)

B. This praise is not a wish but an e_____ of fact

1. There is no v_____ in the Greek text and the words are in the subject case, which was a way of communicating an exclamation.
2. To Jesus _____ the glory and dominion forever and ever!!!

C. Jesus is working to bring an end to all that is contrary to Him (sin, Satan, the sinful n_____, the evil world)

1. The continuation of sin is not because Jesus lacks p_____
2. The continuation of sin is because Jesus has p_____ - all contrariness will come to an end in His timing.

Conclusion:

Whether things are going well or terrible, keep ptl.

1. Praise Him for His sacrificial work – *To Him who loves us and released us from our sins.*
2. Praise Him for His sanctifying work – *He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father.*
3. Praise Him for His sovereign work – *To Him IS the glory and dominion forever and ever.*

Let all God's people say A_____.