

CHRISTIAN COMPANIONSHIP

REV. 1:9-

Introduction:

- A. Companionship is one of our basic human needs.
 - 1. We want to share in things with others.
 - 2. Peer pressure is a strong influence.

- B. The greatest companionship is that of God's people.
 - 1. We have in common more than any other group of people.
 - 2. John refers to himself as a companion of those not on the island of Patmos.

I. FOUR AREAS OF COMPANIONSHIP. V9

- A. "I, John, also am your brother."
 - 1. They were brothers in Christ.
 - 2. Were born again, thus they had the very same Father.
 - 3. The strongest brotherhood. (Union)

- B. "and companion in tribulation."
 - 1. companion = sugkoinonos - a joint-partaker.
 - 2. tribulation = thlipsis - a pressure from evils.
 - 3. John was on Patmos, a Penal Island.

- C. "and in the Kingdom."
 - 1. The kingdom is ours because God has promised it to us.
 - 2. "Thy Kingdom Come."
 - 3. Eph. 1:11-14.

- D. "and patience of Jesus Christ."
 - 1. patience = hupomone - a remaining under, a bearing up under.
 - 2. These were companions of one another and Jesus Christ in bearing the load.
 - 3. Not in social functions.

II. THE CRIME OF JOHN THE REVELATOR.

[Or the creation of the companionship.]

A. "for the Word of God."

1. John suffered because he taught all of the Word of God.
2. We are companions in the Word of God!
3. We are LANDMARKERS.
 - a. Local church.
 - b. Closed Communion.
 - c. Scriptural baptism consists of candidate, mode, authority.
 - d. Re-baptizers.
 - e. Church discipline.

B. "and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

1. testimony = marturia - a bearing witness, certifying, a testimony that informs as well as corroborates.
2. John testified truthfully about the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. A testimony should contain three things, Willingness to testify, telling the Truth, and a Life to make it believable.

III. CHRISTIAN COMPANIONS.

A. Share the work of God.

B. Share the glory of God.