

## Revelation 1

This was written at a time in history when the church was being persecuted. John, the apostle, was known as the Beloved apostle because he was so close to the Lord so he experienced suffering for the Lord firsthand.

What does persecution do to the church?

1. It purifies and prunes the church.
2. Christians either go all in or all out.
3. God shows Himself by providing peace and strength.

Why don't most people today have the correct reverence and respect for God as seen in verse 8?

Because we fail to teach or accept the full meaning of the Holiness of God.

v. 9 John was on the Isle of Patmos when God spoke to him.

v. 10 What was John doing on the Lord's Day when God spoke to him?  
He was in the Spirit

What was John's reaction to hearing the voice of God?  
He turned, saw him and fell down as dead

v. 19 The outline is given:

- \* Write the things which you have seen – the past Chapter 1
- \* Write the things which are – the present Chapters 2-3
- \* Write the things which will take place - the future Chapters 4-22

**Next week: The Things Which Are**