

# Second Hand Preacher

*Christ the King*

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**Revelation 1:5-8**

To be a witness is an important task. One must testify to the truth. We must resist the temptation to be influenced by an outside force and give a testimony that is strong and right. There are many ways to be a witness. I often think of the ones on crime shows whose dramatic testimony changes the outcome of a trial. There are more subtle ways to witness like doing a good deed or witness to a cause. As Christians, the most profound way to witness is to stand up for our faith.

Jesus is the ultimate witness. As our passage from Revelation states, "Jesus is the faithful witness." It was by the passion, death, and resurrection that Jesus showed us his powerful love. His cause is the salvation of the world. He is calling each of us to be a disciple. To follow his ways that we may be witnesses to a world in need. Scripture tells us that Jesus is not done being a witness. We witness him in the breaking of the bread, just like he did to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. In Revelations, there is a fairly clear notion that Jesus will come again. Our faith lets us believe that Jesus is coming on the clouds and into our lives to gather us up to paradise.

How do we follow Jesus in being a witness? One way is to live a good and holy life. To realize that this life is not the end all be all. That we are preparing for so much more. We need to try and create the kingdom of Heaven right here on earth. Our faith should stir up our imagination enough so that we can have a vision of the life to come. We pray that our interaction may be meaningful as to draw others into discipleship. Sometimes our example is enough, but there are times we are called to witness with our words. We may be called to state why Jesus is part of our lives and what our hope is for the person we are witnessing to.