

# **“The Active & Indisputable Head of the Church”**

**(Revelation 1:9-20)**

## **1. The Presence of Christ in the Midst of His People**

- The Son of Man (v13) = Jesus Christ (v18)
- The lampstands (v13) = the churches (v20)
- This is why we want to live in community with believers.
- This is why believers withdrawing from the church often have problematic lives; and a sense of distance from God.
- This is why we want to be careful not to “use / abuse” the church.

## **2. The Unassailable Authority of Christ over His People**

- The descriptive language of v13-16 conveys the qualities of the One who is present among the churches.
- He possess an unimpeachable authority over His People.
- He is also the “Ruler of the kings on the Earth” (v5)
- He is over & above our feelings, traditions, confessions, constitutions, church officers, church meetings, cultures, preferences, opinions etc.
- He is above ALL (Phil 2:6-11 / Eph 1:20-23).