Christ Among The Lampstands

(Revelation 2:1)

Introduction:

- 1. The book of Revelation is a book that is frequently ignored because so many people misunderstand it.
- 2. But allow me to offer two points that will help this book make sense.
 - a. (Revelation 1:1) It is a "signified" message.
 - b. (Revelation 1:1,3) The time of the book.
- 3. This lesson is entitled, "Christ Among the Lampstands."
 - a. The very title is an example of the imagery used through this book.
 - b. However, this imagery is defined for us (Revelation 1:20).
 - 1) The lampstands are the churches.
- 4. So when we speak of Jesus being among the lampstands (Revelation 2:1), we're talking about his presence.
- 5. We don't talk enough about the presence of God.
 - a. Ills.—Electricity 100 years ago.

I. The Promise of His Presence

- A. (Matthew 28:19-20; John 14:23).
- B. Living with a sense of presence will change the way we live for the better. Wouldn't we be more moral?
- C. Obed-Edom (2 Samuel 6:10-11).
- D. Imagine if the ark of the covenant was in your living room.

II. The Focus Of His Presence

- A. (Daniel 3:22-26).
- B. Ills. Batman and Robin button.
- C. Ills. Of Matthew & Anne Marie.

III. The Peace Of His Presence

- A. (Romans 8:28).
- B. Regardless of what happens in life, God takes notice and promises us it will be okay.
- C. (2 Kings 6:8-20).