REVELATION 3

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

*I want to recap what we have been speaking about on these seven churches*

*Ephesus was commended about things they were doing right but warned that if they did not repent of leaving their first love they would be rejected.*

*These instructions and corrections were written to the messenger of each church, and he was to understand that the guilt was with him first of all and the congregation was following his guidance.*

II CORINTHIANS 11

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

*To create another jesus we need to understand the true which the true church should recognize is by the attribute of the Word. Another jesus would be one that has some attributes that are not Word.*

*The pastor which also is a watchman has duties explained here by Ezekiel.*

EZEKIEL 3:

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

*Some things I believe prove a group is lukewarm if they are still recognized by God as a church would revolve around money and selling thing for a church also teaching tithes as a law instead of love.*

MATTHEW 21:

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

*Also trying to make things beautiful to attract people*

ISAIAH 53:

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

*Doing anything to have the honor or acceptance of anyone*.

JOHN 5:

44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

*Smyrna was warned of persecution to come and encouraged to be faithful as ever believer is also warned and also have a promise.*

JOHN 16

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

*Pergamos was apparently surrounded by evil and had been influence by it the Lord acknowledge their position but still warned them because their works would not override their acceptance of the doctrine of Balaam as a compromise.*

*The remedy as anytime you are contrary to scripture is repent*

*Thyatira had problems with what is called the woman Jezebel and strangely the church is not called to repent except the one who commit adultery in a time in the future but a message is sent to those who had not accepted the influence, and the instruction was to hold fast.*

*Sardis had a name and was recognized as a church but in God’s eyes it was dead but in mercy was given instruction and a call to repent.*

*The church of Philadelphia’s only instruction was to hold fast.*

REVELATION 3

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15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

*Works were not completely against God but also not dedicated to God completely.*

LUKE 14

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

REVELATION 3

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

*The Lord is not talking to an individual but to a group called a church who is about to be severed from the candlestick and as we spoke another will take it’s place and maybe a crown if it would fit as a ruling place in the kingdom of God.*

*That would also be the crown promised to every believer the same as the Holy Ghost is promised but some will never receive it.*

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

*That would be both physical and spiritual most rich churches never say they have need of nothing physical or finance they always ask for more or have doors open for more but spiritually churches feel they cannot be corrected in their doctrine*.

*What they were claiming for themselves was their downfall*

*God might call this person naked because clothes would not matter if the soul is not right with God they would still be naked in His Sight.*

A person in a blue dress

AI-generated content may be incorrect.*A person with tattoos on his chest

AI-generated content may be incorrect.*A person in a black dress standing on a dirt road

AI-generated content may be incorrect.

MATTHEW 23:

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?

*I believe to identify a group as holiness because of their dress only is blasphemy.*

REVELATION 3

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

*Trails chosen by God as we walk the path He has chosen for us or like Gold*.

I PETER 1:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

REVELATION 21:

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

*I just read that there is enough gold in the depth of the earth out of the reach of mankind to cover this earth with one and ½ foot of pure gold.*

*I believe the city to have only one street because there is only one way to God and that is through Christ. (Revelation 22:2)*

*White raiment.*

REVELATION 19

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

ROMANS 5:

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

I CORINTHIANS 1:

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

JOHN 10

1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

MATTHEW 22:

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

*The majority of people that are called end up with cloke of religion instead of the righteousness of Christ.*

*Eyesalve. That would be so they could recognize their fallen position and accept the rebuke and chastisement*

REVELATION 3

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

*The only way to every be correct is by accepting correction. Until you know you are wrong you will not change.*

HEBREWS 12

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

REVELATION 3

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

*God’s voice is His Word, but few can even hear as God will not override a person’s choice.*

II CORINTHIANS 3:

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 4

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

*The rebuke and instructions to every Christian is to recognize they do not have their first love. Flee false doctrine. Stop false teaching from the pulpit or get away from it. To strengthen any truth, you have and remember how they have received and heard and that has to be Word only. Hold fast to the truth you have. And ask God to reveal the condition you are in instead of your own evaluation. Be willing to take rebuke and chastisement.*

*The Word to the seven churches is to those who have an ear to hear the Spirit talking and the promise are to those who overcome.*

*A few rewards and promises are of course Eternal Life with these expressions.*

*To eat of the tree of Life.*

*Not to be hurt of the second death*

*To eat of the hidden manna*

*Authority over the nations*

*White Raiment*

*A position in the temple of God*

*and.*

REVELATION 3

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

*The command to repent is not found anywhere else in the book of Revelation but rather speaks of the judgments and things of the past present and future. The gospel is mentioned which would have the message of repentance, but it is in the past and judgment upon Jerusalem did cause some to turn to the Lord possible also in past tense.*

REVELATION 11:

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted and gave glory to the God of heaven.

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## **WE GLORY ONLY IN JESUS CHRIST**

*"I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God"* **(Rom. 15:17).**

Paul was very careful throughout his ministry not to glory, boast or brag in the flesh (Phil. 3:7-9). He taught others not to do this and certainly he would not glory in himself; not in his religious heritage, nor in his attainments or gifts, nor in his labors and success in the ministry but only "*through Jesus Christ*" (Gal. 6:14). Read this statement carefully, "*By the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me*"(1 Cor. 15:10).

All the apostles and those who truly believe the gospel of God’s grace only glory "*in those things that pertain to God*." As a result of Adam’s sin, rebellion and fall into condemnation, we have absolutely no reason to glory in the flesh. The things that pertain to our sinful nature give us no motivation to glory or honor the old man and his deeds (Gal. 5:19-21). We are told in scripture to, "*put off the old man with his deeds*"(Col. 3:9). We truly can only glory in those things that pertain to God. What are those things?

**1).** We glory in Christ incarnate as the only hope for sinners. "*God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory"* (1 Tim. 3:16).

**2).** We glory in Christ crucified as the only remedy to put away our sin. "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit*" (1 Pet. 3:18).

**3).** We glory in Christ Jesus "*Wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*"(Eph. 1:6-7).

**4).** We glory in Christ Jesus exalted and seated at God’s right hand as all our justification before God. "*Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification*"(Rom. 4:25).

**5).** We glory in Christ Jesus coming again as all our hope throughout eternity. When He comes we shall not only see Him as He is, but we shall also be made like Him forever (Psa. 17:15; 1 John 3:1-2).

Every believer can say with David, "*My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together*" (Psalm 34:1-4).