



### Revelation 3:14-15

**14** And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, "These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

**15** "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

### Revelation 3:16-17

**16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. **17** Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing" – and do **not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked** ~

### Revelation 3:18

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

### Revelation 3:19-20

**19** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

**20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

### Revelation 3:21-22

**21** To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. **22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**Be Hot for God**  
Warnings against Lukewarm-ness

HOW?

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THREE APPLICATIONS

- I. Buy **gold** refined in the fire.
  1. This is **genuine tested personal faith** of an overcomer.

HOW?

**1 Peter 1:6-7**

**6** In this you greatly rejoice, though **now for a little while, if need be**, you have been **grieved** by **various trials**, **7** that the **genuineness of your faith**, being **much more precious than gold** that perishes, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ ...

1. This is **genuine tested personal faith** of an overcomer.
  - A. Our Belief System is a **mixture**.  
A major part of it is in:
    - i. The **Will** of Father-God.
    - ii. The **Word** of the Lord Jesus.
    - iii. The **Ways** of the Holy Spirit.
    - iv. The **Wisdom** of God.

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  - B. But, the **other portion of our belief system** comprise **impurities** that are **not** aligned with the **Will, Word, Ways** and **Wisdom** of God.

- 2A. Impurities in gold are purified by **fire**.
- 2B. Similarly, **trials** in our lives, like fire, purifies our faith.
- 2C. Trials are for a **season**. This season, in the light of eternity, is a **little while**.
- 2D. Trials are **grievous** / **painful** to the person undergoing it.
- 2E. Trials are only as **needed**, and seem to attract those whose faith need to be perfected in those areas.

### John 16:33

- i. In this **FALLEN world**, there are **Trials** affecting **ALL**.
- ii. For believers, our faith will be **Tested**.

Consequences of sins of people in our lives	The wickedness of man
Finances	Terrorists
Security	Provision
Peace	Selfishness of man
Protection	Health

**Trouble - Trials** from Fallen Man and World will test us:-

When our lives are threatened	When we are retrenched	When there is a family crisis
When you meet a car accident	When a loved one is taken very ill	
When your "god-father" in your workplace / business venture is no longer around		
When someone you depended on very strongly is no longer around		
When your teenage child turns rebellious		

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**Proverbs 23:23** Buy the **truth** .. also **wisdom and instruction and understanding**.

- 3A. We do not have **absolute** knowledge.
- 3B. There will be situations where we will **not** completely know and understand on this side of heaven.

**1 Corinthians 13:12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I **know in part**, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

- 3C. But, God has given us **sufficient** knowledge in His **Word** and **Revelation** from the Holy Spirit when we seek Him.
- 3D. Sufficient knowledge from God's Word and Revelation by the Holy Spirit will help to **purify** our faith.

3E. It will **help** answer such questions:

- i. Why did this **accident** happen?
- ii. Did **God** send the typhoon-tsunami to judge us?
- iii. Did God give me **cancer** to punish me?
- iv. Did God send this **illness** to teach me godliness?

3E. It will **help** answer such questions:

- v. Why did God **not** answer my prayer?
- vi. Why is it so **unfair** to me?
- vii. Why was I retrenched?
- viii. Why was I rejected?
- ix. **Why?** Why? Why?

3F. Sufficient knowledge from God's Word require us to **always base a principle or truth** on the **entire weight** of Scriptures instead of some portion that seems to say otherwise.

**Psalm 119:160**

the entirety / sum of the scriptures is truth.

4A. The word: Allow or Permit means: to **endorse**, to **authorize** and to **approve**.

4B. In the widest sense of the word, God allows and permits **everything** that goes on in the entire creation.

- 4C. i. **But**, God has given **earth** to Man.
- ii. He has given-allowed-permitted Man a **free will**.
  - iii. God Himself **cannot** violate His own Laws.

- 4D. i. He has placed **laws and principles of life** on earth.
- ii. Everything on earth occurs according to **His Laws** and **Principles of Life** given to Man and earth.
  - iii. We disobey and violate to our **loss** and **destruction**. We obey and flow to our **gain** and **prosperity**.

4E. Thereafter, whatever we sow, we will **reap**.

- ✓ God is **not** responsible for the decisions we make.

4F. God does **not** randomly, haphazardly intervene **unless someone prays** [a law-principle He laid].

5. Our faith is purified when we know the **source** of the pain and trials in our lives. Is it:

A. Due to the **Fallen-ness of Man**.

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God**.

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**John 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

A. Due to the **Fallen-ness of Man**.

i. Natural **calamities** and **birth pangs**.

Earthquakes	Tornadoes	SARS	Fire
Extreme Heat	Extreme Cold	Tsunami	Flood
Pollution in the Environment	Drought	Typhoons	
	Volcanic Eruptions	Changes in Weather Patterns	

A. Due to the **Fallen-ness of Man**.

ii. **Sickness**, diseases and **aging**.

Wounds	Kidney Failure	Depression	
Cancer	Tumor	Heart Attack	Flu
Cysts in Organ	Gall Bladder mal-function	Liver Scarring	

A. Due to the **Fallen-ness of Man**.

iii. **Financial** difficulties.

Economic Downturn	Retrenched from Job	Drought in Sales
Cash Flow Problems	Financially Tight	Losing a Business Deal
Being Cheated by a Client	Financial Losses	Savings Running Out
	Investment Turning Sour	

A. Due to the **Fallen-ness of Man**.

iv. **Relational** conflicts.

Emotional Abuse	Quarrels	Divorce	Hurts
Envy	Disappointments	War	Afflictions
Jealousy	Persecution	Fights	Separation
Mis-understandings	Being Bullied	Hatred	
Being Taken Advantage of	Physical Abuse		
Unforgiveness	Arguments	Verbal Murder	
	Offenses		

A. Due to the **Fallen-ness of Man**.

v. **Accidents** and situations beyond our control.

vi. All **victims** of wicked and evil sinful, actions.

5. Our faith is purified when we know the **source** of the pain and trials in our lives. Is it:

B. due to our **own faults**?

**1 Peter 2:20** For what credit is it if, when you are **beaten for your faults**, you take it patiently? ...

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B. due to our **own faults**?

**1 Peter 4:15** But let none of you suffer as a **murderer**, a **thief**, an **evildoer**, or as a **busybody in other people's matters**.

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C. due to the works of the **evil one**?

**John 10:10a** The thief does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy** ...

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D. For **righteousness sake**.

i. **1 Peter 3:14**

- Suffer for righteousness' sake

ii. **1 Peter 3:17**

- Suffer for doing good

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iii. **1 Peter 4:14**

- Reproached for the name of Christ

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iv. **2 Timothy 3:12**

- Suffer Persecution

v. **Luke 9:23**

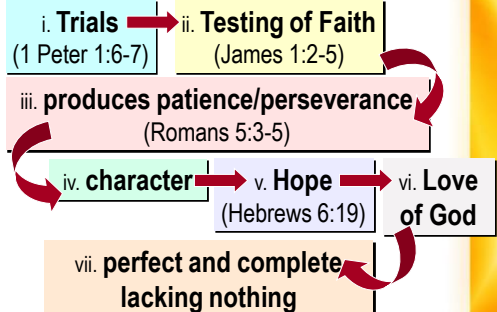
- Cost of discipleship

**All suffering** by a believer is a trial of his **faith**.

- (1) Suffering in a **fallen world**
  - **No** choice
- (2) Suffering due to our own "**faults**"
  - **Wrong** choice
- (3) Suffering for **righteousness sake**
  - **Right** choice

**God is NOT glorified in All our sufferings!**  
Only for Christ and Righteousness sake!

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6. God is **always** good. When we turn to Him, He will see us through our trials to turn it for **good**.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

6. God is **always** good. When we turn to Him, He will see us through our trials to turn it for **good**.

**Genesis 50:20** But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good**, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

7. Do not **confuse** God's goodness in seeing us through a trial to mean that He is the **source** of our trials.

**Jeremiah 9:24** But let him who glories glory in this, that he **understands and knows Me**, that I am the Lord, exercising **lovingkindness**, **judgment**, and **righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

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**James 1:17** **Every good gift and every perfect gift** is from above, and comes down **from the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

7. Do not **confuse** God's goodness in seeing us through a trial to mean that He is the **source** of our trials.

**Luke 11:13** If **you then, being evil**, know how to **give good gifts to your children**, **how much more** will your **heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!"

II. Buy **white garments** that you may be **clothed**, that the **shame** of your **nakedness** may not be revealed.

**Revelation 3:4-5**

A few did not **defile their garments** ... They walk in **white** ... He who **overcomes** shall be clothed in **white garments** ...

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**Revelation 19:7-8** (NIV)

**7** ... the wedding of the Lamb has come, and **His Bride has made herself ready**.

**8** **Fine linen, bright and clean** was given her to wear. (*Fine linen stands for the **Righteous Acts** of the saints*)

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**Revelation 16:15** Blessed is he who **watches** and **keeps his garments lest he walk naked and they see his shame**.

**1 John 2:28** Abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and **not be ashamed** before Him at His coming.



Buy **white garments** means

1. We pay the price **to walk**:
  - A. In **righteousness**
  - B. In **holiness**
  - C. Separation **from**
  - D. Separation **to**

Buy **white garments** means

2. We pay the price **to walk in holiness**:
  - A. What is permissible for **others** may not be permissible for you.
  - B. What **was** permissible may not be permissible now as you grow spiritually.

Buy **white garments** means

3. We pay the price **to be blameless**:
  - A. To have a **conscience** void of offense before God and man (Acts 24:16).
  - B. To have **integrity - wholeness** (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

III. Buy **eye-salve** to anoint our eyes to see.

**Luke 11:34-35**

**34** The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. **35** Therefore **take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.**

III. Buy **eye-salve** to anoint our eyes to see.

**1 John 2:11** But **he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness**, and does not know where he is going, because the **darkness has blinded his eyes**.

This is **Spiritual Seeing**.

This is **Wisdom** and **Revelation**.

This means we have:-

- **Knowledge** - Oversight
- **Understanding** - Insight
- **Wisdom** - Foresight

## HOW to have Wisdom and Revelation?

1. From the **intake** of the Word.

**Psalm 19:8** ... The commandment of the LORD is pure, **enlightening the eyes** ...

2. From your **connectivity** with the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 1:17-18**

... the Spirit of Wisdom and **Revelation** ... that the **eyes** of your heart may be **enlightened** ...

3. From **Godly counsel**.

**Proverbs 11:14** Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the **multitude of counselors there is safety**.

**Proverbs 15:22** Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the **multitude of counselors they are established**.

### SUMMARY - 3 Applications

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### Conclusion

Are you asleep?

Lukewarm?

OR

**HOT!**



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