



*How We Live
Matters! [Part II]*

Review

3 Fundamental Positions Before God

1. We are saved by grace through faith and we have eternal life forever.
2. We are saved to do good works.

Our good works will determine the rewards or losses both now in this life as well as that which is to come.

3. If we, who have been enlightened, tasted the goodness and the power of God, turn against God i.e. become apostate, we will lose our salvation.



Revelation 2-3

The 7 letters to the 7 churches

3 repeated phrases:

1. Let him who has a ear to hear, hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches **[local]**.
2. To him who overcomes.
3. For every local church, the Lord says, "I know your works."



James 2:14-26

- a. FAITH without works is DEAD.
- b. Works without faith is also DEAD.
- c. Hebrews 6:1-2 -
repent from DEAD WORKS.
- d. 1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.



Be **HOT**
for God



Warnings against Lukewarmness

Lukewarmness



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

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

20Behold, 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.



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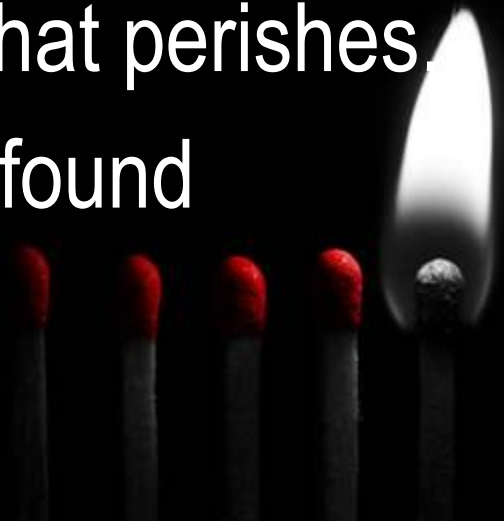
1. Buy Gold refined in the fire.

(a) This is genuine tested personal faith of an overcomer.



1 Peter 1:6-7

6In 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.



John 16:33

- i. In the world, there are **Trials** affecting ALL.
- ii. For believers, our faith will be tested.

Consequences of sins of people in our

Security

Terrorists

Finances

Protection

Selfishness of man

Health

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We will be tested on issues of:-

When our lives
are threatened

When we are
retrenched

When your teenage
child turns rebellious

When a loved one
is taken very ill

When there is
a family crisis

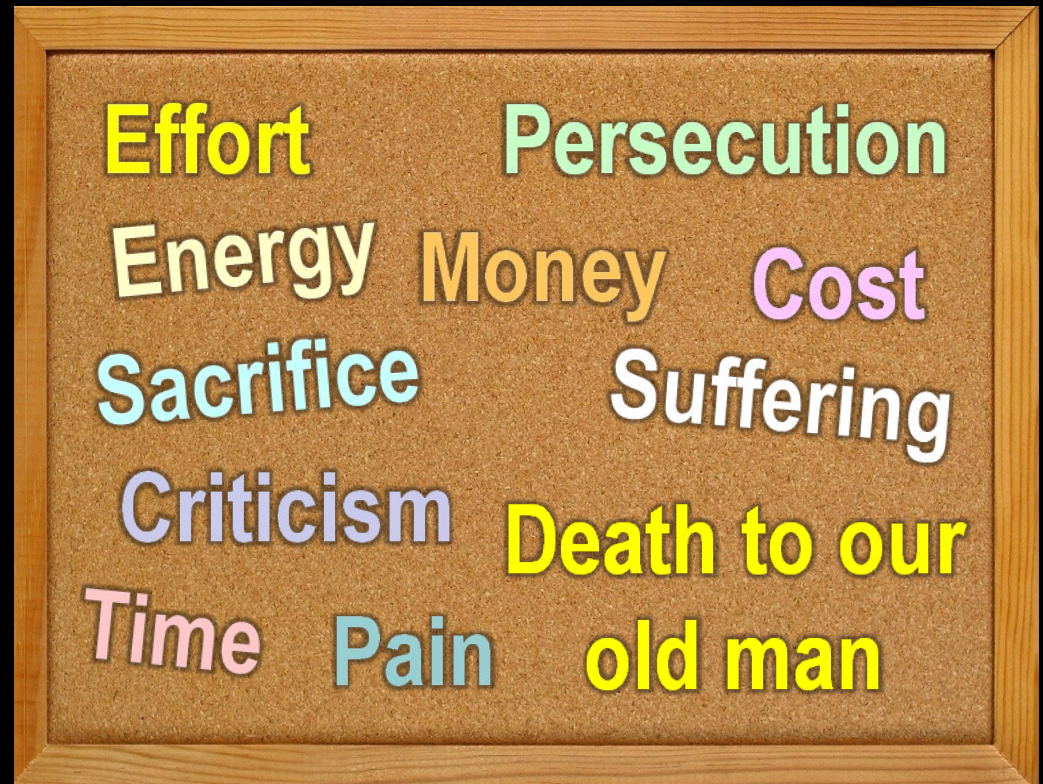
When you meet
a car accident

When your “god-father”
in your workplace / business
venture is no longer around

When someone you
depended on very strongly
is no longer around

(b) We are to **Buy** this Gold refined in the fire.


“**Buy**” suggests
that it will cost us
i.e. this is **Work**.



(c) We can Overcome the trials in the world.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation / trial has seized you except what is **common to man**. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also **provide a way out** so that you **can stand up under it**.

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(d) Our Faith in God overcome these trials.

1 John 5:4-5

4for **everyone born of God overcomes** the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even **our faith**.

5Who is it that overcomes the world?

Only he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God.



1. Trials
(1 Peter 1:6-7)

2. Testing of Faith

3. produces patience/perseverance
(Romans 5:3-5)

4. character

5. Hope
(Hebrews 6:19)

6. Love of God

**7. perfect and complete
lacking nothing**



(e) The Gold is the outcome - reward of our Work of Faith.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,



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1 Corinthians 3:12-14

13each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. **14**If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.



- (a) The **Gold** is the reward of our Work of Faith.
- ✓ This is our growing faith.
 - ✓ This is our growing unto spiritual maturity.
 - ✓ This is Christ increasing and “I, me and myself” decreasing.
 - ✓ This is where my response is increasingly unto the Lord.

Attitudes - Motivations - Words - Actions



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Revelation 3:4-5

A few did not **defile their garments** ...

They walk in **white** ...

He who **overcomes** shall be clothed
in **white garments** ...



Revelation 19:7-8

the wedding of the Lamb has come, and

His Bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean

was given

her to wear.

(Fine linen stands for

the Righteous Acts of the saints)



Hebrews 1:9

You have **loved righteousness**
and hated lawlessness/wickedness



Buy **WHITE GARMENTS** mean

- We pay the price to walk
 - ✓ in righteousness
 - ✓ in holiness
 - ✓ separation from
 - ✓ separation to - godliness



Buy **WHITE GARMENTS** mean

- We pay the price **to walk in holiness**
 - ✓ what is permissible for others may not be permissible for you.
 - ✓ what was permissible may not be permissible now as you grow spiritually.



Buy **WHITE GARMENTS** mean

- We pay the price to be blameless
 - ✓ To have a conscience void of offense before God and man [Acts 24:16].
 - ✓ To have integrity - wholeness [1 Thessalonians 5:23].



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Luke 11:34-35

34The 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.**



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?



How to have Wisdom and Revelation?

A. From the Intake of the Word.

Psalm 19:8

“... The commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes ...”

Colossians 3:16

Be filled with the Word of God



1 Peter 2:2-3

2as newborn babes, desire the pure **milk of the Word**, that you may grow thereby, 3if indeed you have **tasted** that the Lord is gracious.



The Goal of the intake of the Milk of the Word is to Experience the reality of the Promises of God / Word in your life.

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by **bread** alone, but by **every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**’”



The Goal of the intake of the Bread of the Word is to regularly hear what the Lord is Speaking to you in your daily living.

Hebrews 5:14

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.



The Goal of the intake of the Meat of the Word is to sharpen Discernment as you apply the Word to the situations of your life.

How to have Wisdom and Revelation?

B. 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**”



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1 Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV)

Do not put out the Spirit's fire

Ephesians 5:18

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1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV)

9“No **eye** has **seen**, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has **prepared for those who love Him**” -

10but God has revealed it to us by **His Spirit**.



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Conclusion

Are you asleep?

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OR

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