

THE END-TIME CHURCH (Part 1)

INTRODUCTION - The 7 Churches of Revelation 2 & 3

- They **existed in history** at time of Apostle John in the **7 specific locations**.
- There is a specific message to the **Specific Church** in the City-Nation-Region.

SEVEN WARNINGS

- Lost the First Love
- Persecution
- Idolatry & sexual immorality
- Tolerance of evil
- Spiritually asleep
- Lack of spiritual strength
- Lukewarm-ness

TRAITS OF THE OVERCOMER

BELIEVER-CHURCH

- Have First Love for God
- Will overcome persecution
- Will forsake idolatry & immorality
- Will hate evil
- Is spiritually alert
- Is spiritually strong
- Is Hot for God

PERSPECTIVE #1 – is that the **church worldwide** will **reflect all aspects** of the 7 Churches **at any one point in time** in different local churches.

PERSPECTIVE #2 – The 7 Churches spans in time from the early church to the coming Rapture.

- Ephesus ended about 170AD
- Smyrna ended about 314 AD when Constantine began his reign
- Pergamum ended about 590AD
- Thyatira ended with the Reformation
- Sardis ended about the 18th Century
- Philadelphia ended about the time of WW2
- Laodicea will end at the **Rapture** of the Church!
- World will embrace the great religious prostitute – **Mystery Babylon** of Rev 17

Three Repeated – Continual Exhortations to all the 7 Churches:

1. Let him who has ears, hear what the Spirit is saying to the _____.
2. Let him who has ears, _____ to the churches.
3. To him who _____.

Implications, applications + revival today for every believer & local assembly who heeds the specific message and the 3 Exhortations

The Laodicean Church – Revelation 3:14-22

THE LAODICEAN CHURCH REFLECTS THE END-TIME CHURCH

I. There is _____ from the Lord for this church unlike those in the other churches.

II. _____ of this church.

1. Church in Laodicea was _____ and draw strong _____.
Revelation 3:15-16

2. Church in Laodicea had a _____ of itself as being _____, became _____ and _____. Revelation 3:17a

3. Church in Laodicea, from **God's verdict**, were:

- A. _____ B. _____ C. _____
D. _____ E. _____

Revelation 3:17b

Luke 12:21

III. **Four** _____ of the Lord to this Church. Revelation 3:18-19

COUNSEL #1 - Buy from God _____ that they may be rich.
Revelation 3:18a

A. This is _____ of an overcomer. WHY?
1 Peter 1:6-7

Our belief system is a _____.

- A part of it is rooted in the _____ of God.
- But, the **other portion of our belief system** comprise _____ that are _____ aligned with the **Will, Word and Wisdom** of God.

1 Peter 1:6-7

6 In this you greatly rejoice,

though now for a little while,

Trials are for a season.
This season, in the light of eternity,
is a little while.

if need be,

Trials are only as needed, and seem to attract those
whose faith need to be perfected in those areas.

you have been

grieved

Trials are grievous/painful to
the person undergoing it.

by various trials,

Similarly, trials in our lives, like
fire, purifies our faith.

7 that the genuineness of your

faith, being much more precious

than gold that perishes, though

it is tested by fire,

Impurities in a gold are purified by
fire.

may be found to praise, honour,

and glory at the revelation of Jesus

Christ ...

John 16:33

- In this **FALLEN world**, there are **Trials** affecting _____.
- For believers, our faith will be _____.

Trouble-Trials from Fallen Man and World will test us

Proverbs 23:23

- B. We do not have _____ knowledge. They will be situations where we will _____ completely know and understand on this side of heaven. 1 Corinthians 13:12
- C. But, God has given us _____ knowledge in His _____ and _____ from the Holy Spirit when we seek Him. Sufficient knowledge from God's Word and Revelation by the Holy Spirit will help to _____ our faith.
- D. It will help answer such questions:
- Why did this accident happen?
 - Did God send the typhoon-tsunami to judge us?
 - Did God give me cancer to punish me?
 - Did God send this illness to teach me godliness?
 - Why did God not answer my prayer?
 - Why is it so unfair to me?
 - Why was I retrenched?
 - Why was I rejected?
 - Why did I lose the money?
 - Why? Why? Why?
- E. Sufficient knowledge from God's Word require us to **always base a principle or truth** on the _____ of Scriptures instead of some portion that seems to say otherwise. Psalm 119:160 2 Timothy 3:16 Acts 20:27

But, God has given _____ to Man.

- He has given-allowed-permitted Man to a _____.
- God Himself _____ violate His own Laws.
- He has placed _____ and _____ on earth.
- Everything on earth occurs according to _____ and _____ given to Man and earth.
- We disobey and violate to our _____ and _____. We obey and flow to our _____ and _____.
- Thereafter, whatever we sow, we will _____.
- God is _____ responsible for the decisions we make.
- Choices and _____.
- God does _____ randomly, haphazardly intervene _____.
- God's intervention is always _____ with His character (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

F. Our faith is purified when we know the _____ of the pain and trials in our lives.

All suffering by a believer is a trial of his _____.

- (1) Suffering in a _____. - _____ choice
- (2) Suffering due to our own “_____”. - _____ choice
- (3) Suffering for _____. - _____ choice

G. God is _____ good. When we turn to Him, He will see us through our trials to turn it for our _____ even though we may not yet fully see it or understand it at this point in time. Romans 8:28 Genesis 50:20

COUNSEL #2 - Buy from God _____ that they may be covered.

Revelation 3:18b

1 John 2:28

Revelation 19:7-8

Buy _____ means:

A. We pay the price to walk in _____.

- Separation _____

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- What is permissible for _____ may not be permissible for you.

- What _____ permissible may not be permissible now as you grow spiritually.

B. We pay the price to be _____:

- To have a _____ void of offense before God man (Acts 24:16).
- To have _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

COUNSEL #3 - Buy from God _____ that they may be see.

Revelation 3:18c

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Ephesians 1:17b-18a

Luke 11:34-35

1 John 2:11

COUNSEL #4 - _____ to the Lord's knocking on the door of our lives.

Revelation 3:20

BOTTOM-LINE