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THE STORY SO FAR (as told by Dr Luke)

Luke 23 THE DEATH OF JESUS

Luke 24 THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Acts 1 THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Acts 2 **HOLY SPIRIT COMES AT PENTECOST**

THE GROWING CHURCH // Ps Low Kok Guan



Acts 3 **THE FIRST MIRACLE OF THE EARLY CHURCH**

THE RELEVANT CHURCH // Elder Lok Vi Ming



Acts 4 **PETER AND JOHN BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN**

THE BOLD CHURCH // Ps Edric Sng



Acts 8 **PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH**

THE MISSIONAL CHURCH // Elder Goh Hock Chye





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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION 2 & 3



Ephesus



Smyrna



Pergamos



Thyatira



Sardis



Philadelphia



Laodicea

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.

PERSPECTIVE #1

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

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2 & 3

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 #2

The 7 Churches spans in time
from the early church
to the coming Rapture



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Laodicea



Ephesus



ended about
170AD.



Smyrna



ended about
314A when
Constantine
began his
reign



Pergamos



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!

The world will then embrace the great religious prostitute - **MYSTERY BABYLON** of Rev 17

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Laodicea



Hence, the Laodicean Church reflects the End-Time Church today
where we are, with the imminent Rapture.


Laodicea means “**people ruling**” or “**justice of the people**”. **Luke 18:8; Jude 1:3; 2 Tim 4:7**

It's the people who rule the Church and Christ has **NO** part in it! **1 Pet 4:17**

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2 & 3

THREE REPEATED - CONTINUAL EXHORTATIONS to all the 7 Churches:

1. Let him who has ears, hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
[churches → many congregations, local assemblies].
2. Let him who has ears, hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches
[only Word-based, Spirit-Filled believers/churches can hear].
3. To him who overcomes (present tense)
[The overcomer believer-church]. Luke 18:8; Jude 1:3; 2 Tim 4:7



Implications, Applications + **REVIVAL TODAY**
for every **BELIEVER** and **LOCAL ASSEMBLY**
who **HEEDS** the specific message and
the 3 exhortations

Matt 24:12 & 2 Thess 2:1-3

Barna Focus

GLOBAL REVIVAL only **AFTER THE RAPTURE**

At Ministry of 144K Evangelists (Great Multitude saved)
+ 2 Witnesses + Angels with E-Gospel (Matthew 24:14)
during the 7 Tribulation Years

This then culminates in the 2nd Coming and reign of our Lord
in the Millennial Kingdom (Habakkuk 2:14)

The Laodicea Church - Revelation 3:14-22

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. **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— **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. **19** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. **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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- II. Condition of this church.
- III. Four Counsels of the Lord to this church.

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1. Church in Laodicea was lukewarm and draws strong rebuke.

Revelation 3:15-16 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

II. Condition of this church.

2. Church in Laodicea had a wrong perception of itself as being rich, became wealthy and needed nothing.

Revelation 3:17a Because you say, 'I am rich,
have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'

...



II. Condition of this church.

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

A. Wretched	B. Miserable	C. Poor
D. Blind	E. Naked	

Revelation 3:17b ... and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

Luke 12:21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

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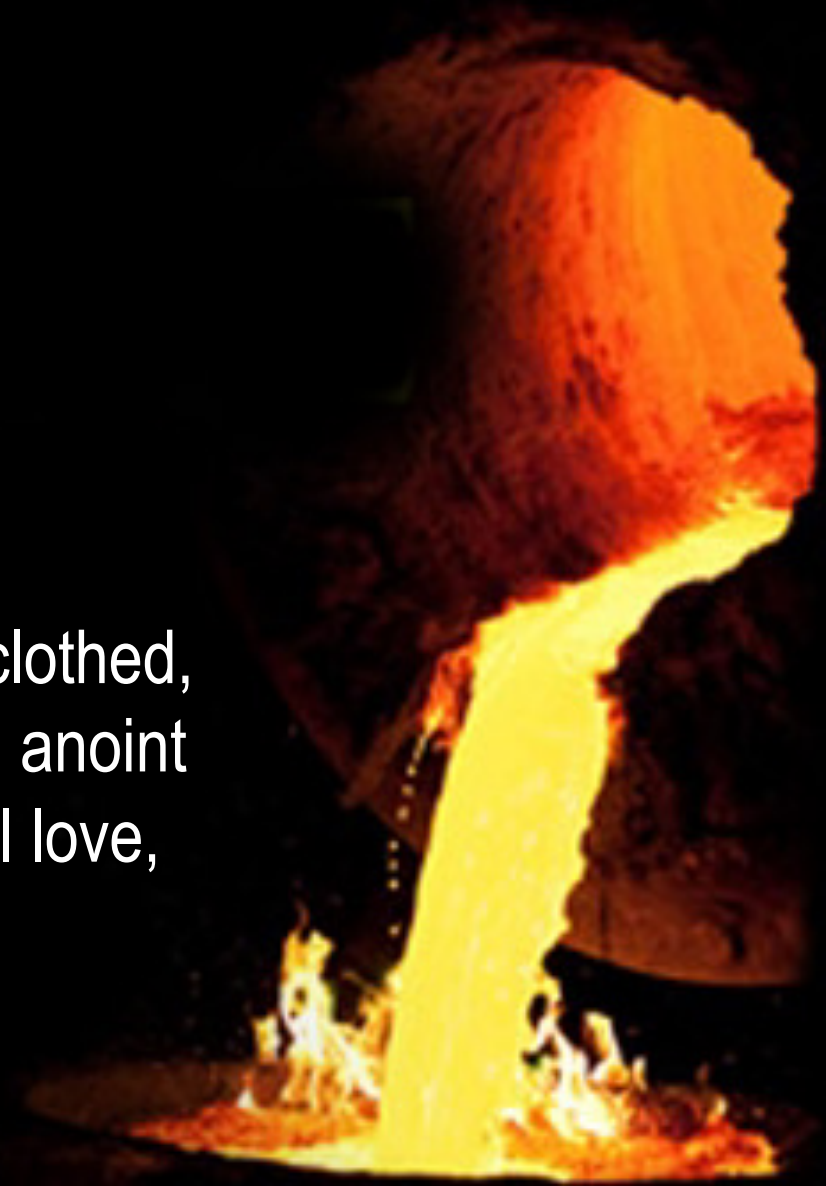
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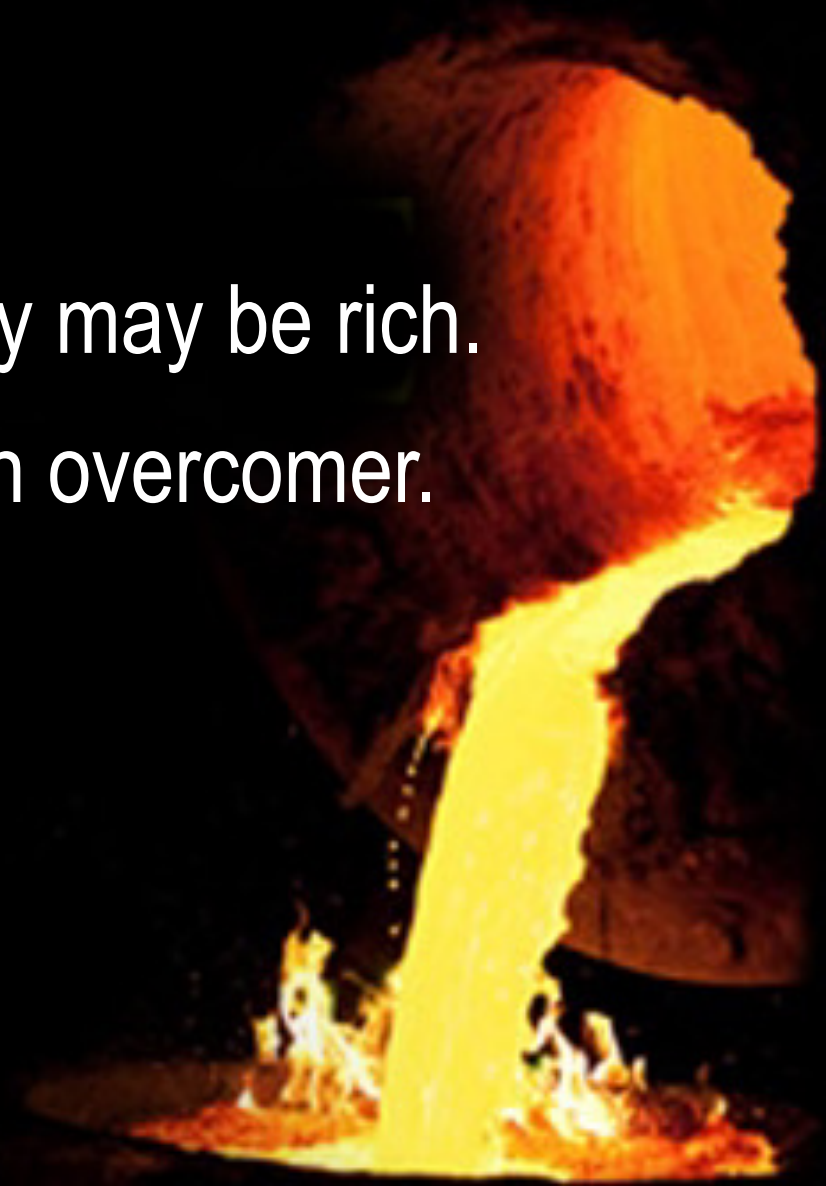
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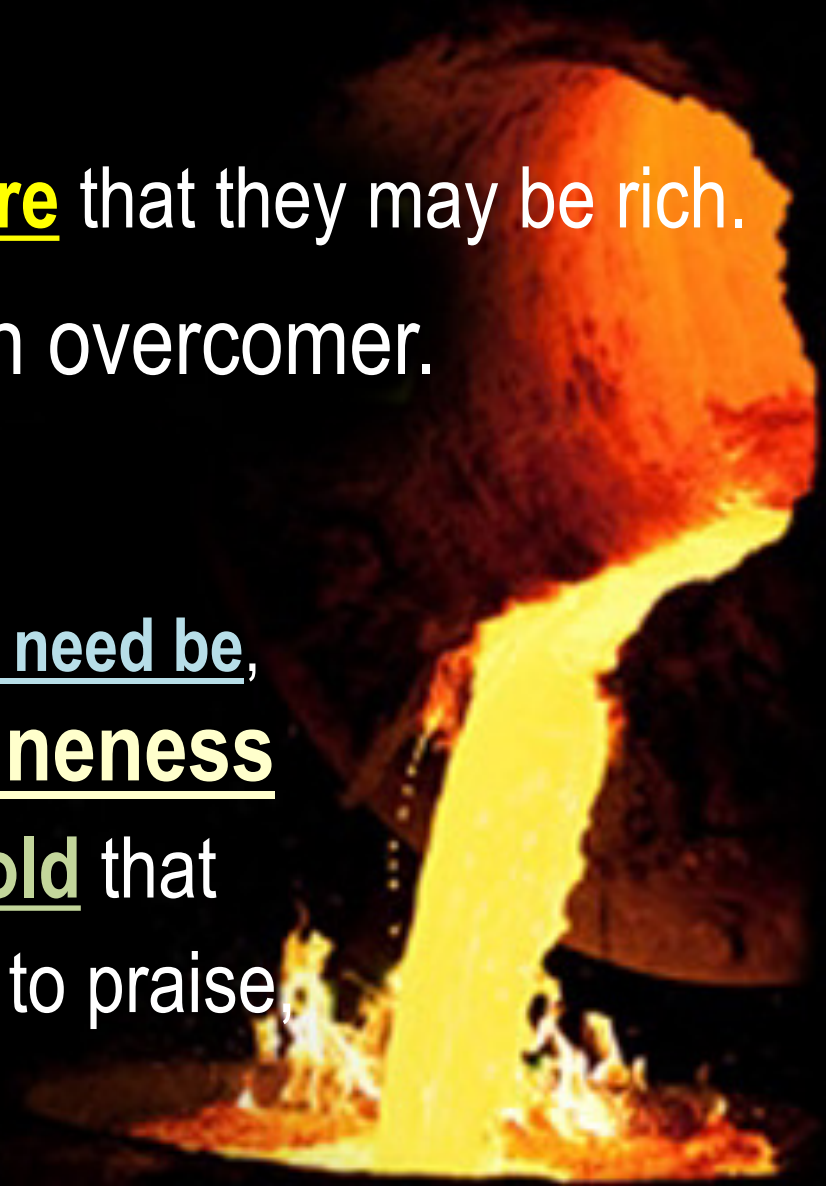


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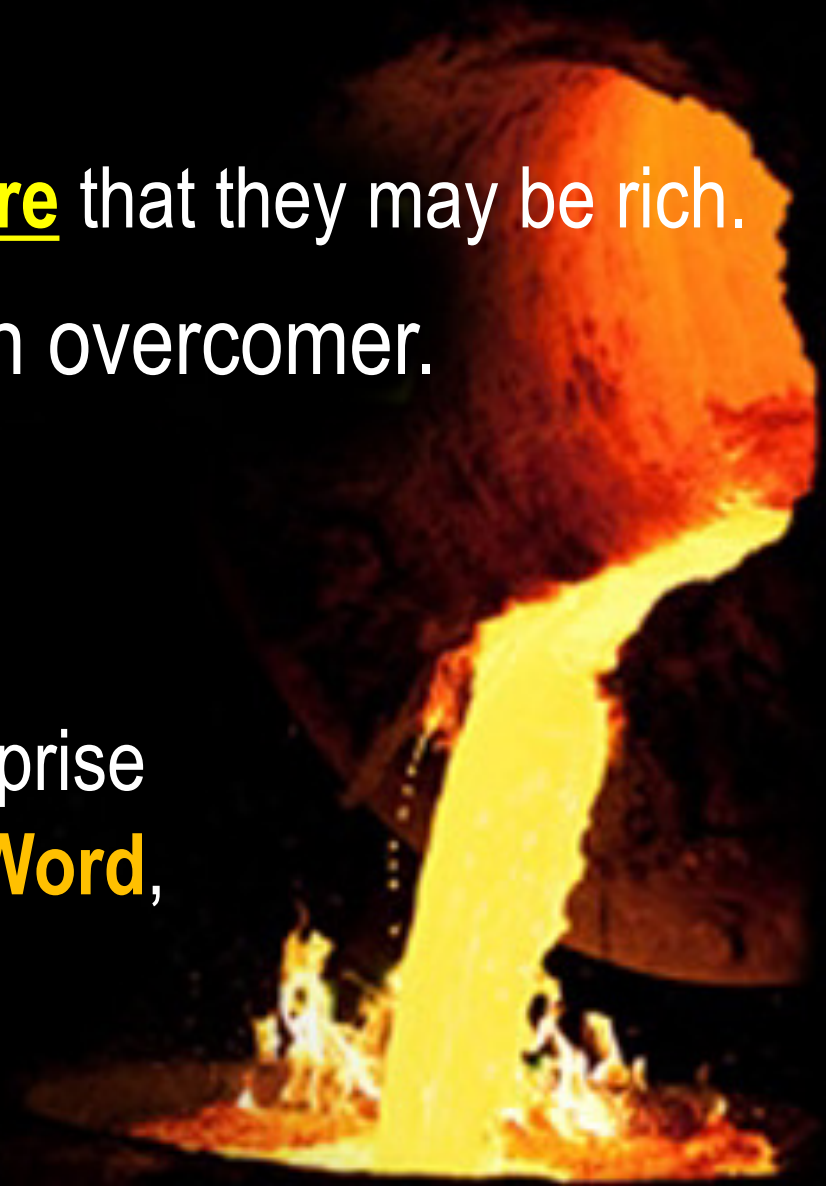


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Our belief system is a mixture.

- A part of it is rooted in the Word of God.
- But, the other portion of our belief system comprise impurities that are not aligned with the **Will, Word, Ways** and **Wisdom** of God.



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Impurities in gold are purified
by fire.



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

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



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Trials are **grievous/painful** to
the person undergoing it.



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at the revelation of Jesus Christ ...

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



John 16:33

- In this **FALLEN world**, there are trials affecting **ALL**.
- For believers, our faith will be **tested**.

Consequences of sins
of people in our lives

The wickedness
of man

Fallen
Systems

Corrupt
people

Mistakes
of Others

Selfishness
of man

Finances

Peace

Health

Security

Wars

Protection

Provision

Dangers



Trouble-Trials from **FALLEN man & world** will test us:

When our lives
are threatened

When someone we depended
on very strongly fails us

When we are
retrenched

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

When our
teenage child
turns rebellious

When a loved
one is taken
very ill

When we meet a car accident

When there is a family crisis

When we get COVID and go through very bad symptoms



COUNSEL #1 - Buy from God gold refined in the fire that they may be rich.

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

- From Scriptures (Romans 10:17)
- From the Holy Spirit (John 16:13)
- From godly people (Proverbs 15:22)

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B. We do not have absolute knowledge.
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.



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C. But, God has given us sufficient knowledge in His Word and Revelation from the Holy Spirit when we seek Him.

Sufficient knowledge from God's Word and Revelation by the Holy Spirit will help to purify our faith.



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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?



D. It will **help** answer such questions:

- 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?



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E. 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.

Psalms 119:160 - the entirety/sum of scriptures is truth.

2 Timothy 3:16 - all Scripture is profitable

Acts 20:27 - whole counsel of God

BUT, God has given earth to Man.

- He has given-allowed-permitted Man a free will.
- God Himself cannot violate His own Laws.
- He has placed laws and principles of life on earth.
- Everything on earth occurs according to His Laws and Principles of Life given to Man and earth.



- We disobey and violate to our loss and destruction. We obey and flow to our gain and prosperity.
- Thereafter, whatever we sow, we will reap.
- God is not responsible for the decisions we make.
- Choices and Consequences
- God does not randomly, haphazardly intervene unless someone prays [a law-principle He laid]
- God's intervention is always consistent with His character (Jeremiah 9:23-24).



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

ALL SUFFERING by a believer is a trial of his faith.

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| (1) Suffering in a <u>fallen world</u> | - <u>NO</u> choice |
| (2) Suffering due to our own " <u>faults</u> " | - <u>WRONG</u> choice |
| (3) Suffering for <u>righteousness sake</u> | - <u>RIGHT</u> choice |

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

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G. God is always good. When we turn to Him, He will see us through our trials to turn it for our ultimate good even though we may not yet fully see it or understand it at this point in time.

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.

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.



COUNSEL #1 - Buy from God gold refined in the fire that they may be rich.

G. God is always good.

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

HOLY
BIBLE

COUNSEL #2

Buy from God white garments that they may be covered.

white-spotless-eat laksa/meesiam

Revelation 3:18b ... and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed ...
(@Judgment Seat - 2 Corinthians 5:10 after Rapture)

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

COUNSEL #2

Buy from God white garments that they may be covered.

Revelation 19:7-8 (After Rapture and Judgment Seat but prior to Second Coming)

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, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

(Fine linen stands for the **Righteous Acts** of the saints)

Buy white garments means

A. We pay the price to walk in righteousness and holiness.

- Separation from : everything that hinders the fulfilling of God's purpose.
: the things that do not value-add to our godliness.
- Separation to : everything that value-add to the fulling of God's call.
: the things that will value-add to our godliness.

Relationships-Activities-Hobbies-Attitudes, etc.

How you spend \$, time, energy, resources, etc.

Buy white garments means

A. We pay the price to walk in righteousness and 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 means

B. 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).

Embrace Brokenness-Is57:15 Matt5:25 Heb4:13 1Cor6:7
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COUNSEL #3

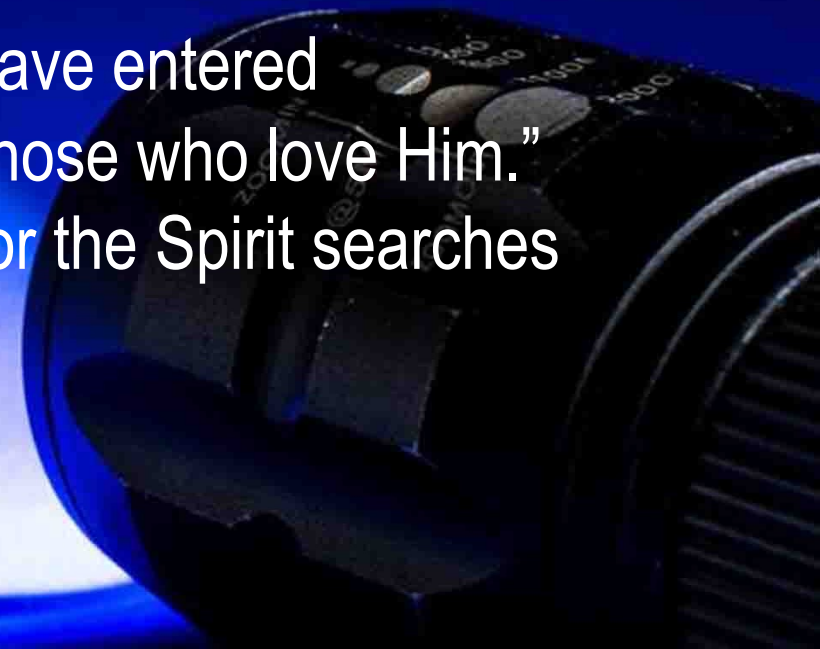
Buy from God eye salve that they may be see.

Revelation 3:18c ... and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.



COUNSEL #3

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This is Spiritual Seeing. This is Wisdom and Revelation only from the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:17b-18a

17 ... may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling ...

Price to pay to walk closely with the Holy Spirit

- Galatians 5:16, 18, 25 - 2 Corinthians 4:18 -



COUNSEL #3

Buy from God eye salve that they may be 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.

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.

COUNSEL #4

Hear and respond to the Lord's knocking on the door of our lives.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Total Dependency on the Lord!

Loud Long



BOTTOM-LINE: Revival for the believer and local church

4 Counsels

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- #2** - Buy from God white garments that they may be covered.
- #3** - Buy from God eye salve that they may be see.
- #4** - Hear and respond to the Lord's knocking on the door of our lives.