

Revelation

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Session 11

Chapter 3:14-22

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to gain any understanding of Revelation without being born-again!

Remember....Only **GOD** has all the answers!

WARNING!!! SATAN does not want you to learn the **TRUTH** of God's plan!

The "STEPS" OF REVELATION

GOD

JESUS CHRIST

ANGEL

JOHN

SERVANTS (US)

THE CHURCH

Seven stars = messenger/ _____ of seven churches. Seven lampstands = Seven churches.

The Seven Churches

Each were a **CONGREGATION**.

Each had a spiritual **CONDITION**.

All but one had a **COMMENDATION**.

All but two had a **CONDEMNATION**.

All but two had a **CONSEQUENCE**.

Each represent seven basic _____ in church history.

Ephesus

Apostolic church - lost _____.

Smyrna

Persecuted church - _____.

Pergamum

State church - _____.

Thyatira

Pagan church - _____.

Sardis

"Dead" church - _____.

Philadelphia

"Loved" church - _____.

Laodicea

"Apostate" church - _____. Sometimes referred to the church of the _____.

Look at Revelation 3:14-22

The Congregation

This was the most disappointing and _____ of the seven churches.

The city was wealthy and was located about _____ miles from Ephesus.

It was a city that was _____ in industry, science, and medicine.

Other than its monetary wealth, _____ is known about more about it. It made no sincere effort to promote The Gospel.

The Church Age

This church age is from A.D. _____ to The Great Tribulation.

The Commendation

_____! This is the only one of the seven churches where The Glorified Christ can find _____ good to say about it.

Look at Revelation 3:14

Christ's Statement

This is addressed to the messenger / _____ (used loosely) of the church of Laodicea.

Christ's Nature

" _____ " is a Hebrew word that means " _____ " and carries the meaning of _____.

"...The faithful and true witness"

The Lord Jesus Christ is Truth and The faithful witness of _____ truth. He is God and gives The _____ without limit. (ref. John 3:34)

"...the beginning of God's creation..."

Some translations use "ruler" or "first cause". He was _____ the beginning, _____ the beginning. This refers to God's Triune nature.

Look at Revelation 3:15-16

The Condition

They are " _____ " to the point of being _____ in Christ's eyes!

This was due to their _____. They simply did not care.

The Lord _____ a " _____ " or "can't we just get along" spiritual position.

Look at 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Churches in this age are more interested in _____ action, reformation, _____, than in Gospel action, transformation, and prayer.

These churches are literally _____ to The Lord Jesus Christ!

One Hebrew word for "spit" is " _____ "!

Look at Revelation 3:17

The only thing worse than deception is _____-deception. The church thought they were doing fine, but they were not.

Moreover, "status-quo", "fine", or _____ is never acceptable to The Lord and should _____ be for The Church!

The _____ of The Church must always be to see the "lost" saved, and the "saved" changed to _____ Jesus Christ!

This church focused on the church _____ than it did on building The Church!

Christ _____ to accept their wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked state. In fact, He _____ it!

Look at Revelation 3:18

The Counsel

This church was a "building" but _____ "born-again". They thought they were alright but they were all wrong!

The Lord tells the church of Laodicea to do four things:

1. _____ cannot be bought.
2. _____ only comes through Jesus Christ. We cannot attain it apart from Him in any way.
3. _____ has to be God's for His Church. It cannot be driven by human preference.
4. _____ is an absolute necessity, and is still an opportunity.

Look at Revelation 3:19

Due to God's wonderful _____ and _____, there is still hope for the church to _____.

The Lord never stops loving His family regardless of _____.

However, this still does _____ change the fact that He will not _____ rebellion against Him!

Look at Revelation 3:20

The Lord states His _____ and the need for personal _____ by the person.

The Lord also gives us a picture of His desire for personal _____ and _____ with us.

Look at Revelation 3:21-22

The Promise

The Lord _____ the one who is true to The Faith, will indeed be with Him in both The Millennium and _____.

The Lord is telling us to be _____ for what is to come!