



“Eye Salve for Blind Eyes”

Revelation 3:15-18

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: [Rev 3:14-22 NASB95]

"14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: **15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. 17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and [that] the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. 19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; 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 will dine with him, and he with Me. 21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down 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.'"** [Rev 3:14-22 NASB95]

Introduction.

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

"16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world." [1Jo 2:16 NASB95]

1. The warnings to the 7 churches.

The cultural _____ of the churches.

- 1. The church at Ephesus lost their _____ love.**
- 2. The church at Smyrna is warned not to fear _____.**
- 3. The church at Pergamum had false _____ leading to idolatry and sexual immorality.**
- 4. The church at Thyatira had a false _____ leading to idolatrous worship and sexual immorality.**
- 5. The church at Sardis was spiritually _____ near spiritual death.**
- 6. The church at Philadelphia has _____ warning.**
- 7. The church at Laodicea is _____, _____, and _____.**

2. The church at Laodicea thought themselves to be _____ - _____.

"15 "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!" [Rev 3:15 ESV]

Jesus Christ...

- 1. ...observes the _____ of the church.**

I know your works:

Christ...

- 1. ...the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says: _____.**

(1) The word “oida” here means, I know by a complete and perfect _____. εἶδω

(2) The glorified Christ is _____ and He is in the midst of the churches.

"12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ... 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches." [Rev 1:12-13, 20 ESV]

(3) The glorified Christ is _____ and His observation is “_____.”

"5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, [but wait] until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the **things hidden in the darkness** and **disclose the motives of [men's] hearts**; and then each man's praise will come to him from God." [1Co 4:5 NASB95]

Christ...

2. ...knows your _____. ἔργον

(1) Christ exposes the difference between the law of works and the law of _____.

"27 Then what becomes of our **boasting**? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith." [Rom 3:27 ESV]

To the church in...	
1) Ephesus...I know your works.	5) Sardis...I know your works.
2) Smyrna...I know your tribulation.	6) Philadelphia...I know your works.
3) Pergamum...I know where you dwell.	7) Laodicea...I know your works.
4) Thyatira...I know your works.	

(2) Our _____ prove our faith.

"18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and **I will show you my faith by my works.**" [Jas 2:18 ESV]

(3) Genuine faith is _____ by our trials.

"6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, [being] more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" [1Pe 1:6-7 NASB95]

Jesus Christ...

2. ...confronts the Laodicean's spiritual condition with a metaphor expressing His _____.

"16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." [Rev 3:16 ESV]

1. Christ communicates as He often did in the gospels with _____ of speech.

(1) The water supply at Laodicea and nearby cities depict their _____ condition.

- 1) Hierapolis = hot mineral water that _____ the spiritually sick
- 2) Colossae = cold fresh water that _____ the spiritually weary
- 3) Laodicea = lukewarm water is _____ for any spiritual benefit.

(2) The Laodiceans felt _____ due to a false security based on their affluence.

"17 For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing," not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked." [Rev 3:17 ESV]

1) The love of riches in this world leads to _____ impoverishment.

"10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." [1Ti 6:10 ESV]

2) The comforts of material wealth _____ their eyes with self-sufficiency.

"17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'" [Deu 8:17 NASB95]a

(3) Replacing the power of the _____ with wealth or social justice is serious error.

not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked." [Rev 3:17 ESV]

We are...

1) ... _____. ταλαίπωρος talaípōros — afflicted, wretched

"24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?" [Rom 7:24]

2) ... _____. ἐλεεινός eleeinós. — to be pitied, miserable:

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"19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.[G1652]" [1Co 15:19 NASB95]

3) **πτωχός ptōchós,** — destitute of wealth, influence, position, honour:

"19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.[G1652]" [1Co 15:19 NASB95]

4) **τυφλός typhlós** — mentally blind

"14 "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit." [Mat 15:14 NASB95]

5) **γυμνός gymnós** — unclad, without clothing

"13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." [Heb 4:13 NASB95]

2. Christ's to those who are poor, naked and blind.

"18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and [that] the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see." [Rev 3:18 NASB95]

(1) Christ advises the arrogant rich to buy something they can't .

"3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," [1Pe 1:3 NASB95]

(2) No earthly riches can purchase an from God.

"4 to [obtain] **an inheritance** [which is] imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you," [1Pe 1:4 NASB95]

(3) Our inheritance is protected by the power of God through .

"5 who are protected by the power of God **through faith** for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." [1Pe 1:5 NASB95]

(4) Our faith is tested by .

"6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that **the proof of your faith**, [being] more precious than gold which is perishable, even though **tested by fire**, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" [1Pe 1:6-7 NASB95]

(5) Our faith refined by fire ...

1) ... riches.

"18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich,

2) ...clothing in the of Christ.

and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and [that] the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed

3) ...visual healing that we may see the things.

and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see."