



# Revelation 3

✝ When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the Holy Angels with him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His Glory:

<sup>32</sup> And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a Shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats:

Matthew 25:31-32 KJV

Welcome to Revelation chapter three.

Rev.3:1-6 NASB

✠ To the angel of the church in Sardis write:  
He who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, and yet you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Be constantly alert, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. <sup>3</sup> So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Then if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. <sup>4</sup> But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> The one who overcomes will be clothed the same way, in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. <sup>6</sup> The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Sardis was the 5<sup>th</sup> Church Age from the Reformation in 1517 to roughly 1750.

Lesson for us: False appearances.

As in by outward appearances creating a false reputation of a fervent Faith but not so hot in reality. After the Reformation, the Protestant Church had a reputation of being Spiritually alive in Christ. However Jesus says this is not true.

Meaning the praising of Jesus is on the lips of many but in the hearts of few.

✠ And the Lord said:  
Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men.

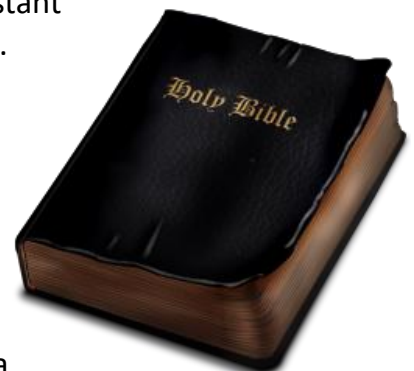
Isaiah 29:13 ESV

Self deceived would be the best term to describe someone of any Protestant Denomination of any Church Age who is struggling with the Sin of Sardis.

As in attending Church and or participating in many religious functions without ever developing a truly personal relationship with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, countless people attend Church activities sort of like a social organization while still others only for appearances sake.

A self deceived religious or somewhat religious person is only a cultural Christian in name only worshiping by tradition and habit rather than by a genuine Faith offering up sincere Sin repentance and Praise for GOD.



Legend holds Sardis was founded around 1200 BC by descendants of Hercules then organized by Lydian King Gyges during the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC. As such Sardis was once the capitol of the ancient Kingdom of Lydia in what we would today call modern day Turkey.

Sardis is set upon a mountain plateau with a fortress atop a steep incline having a single ramp for entrance with this leaving all invaders subject to a long grueling attack up that ramp from high above the fortress walls.

Even if an invading force managed to breach the one and only entrance door an enemy then found themselves bottlenecked inside an inner courtyard blocked by another interior gate in which now the invaders were subject to bombardment from 3 sides above.

The reason why for such defenses against invasions was because there was gold in those hills.

Like the Protestant Denominations Sardis considered itself to be undefeatable all the while their weakness was truly from within. Be it apathy or by Pride- Sin often finds a way inside a believer. How many Pentecostals are truly in the Holy Spirit, How many Baptists Baptize, & how many Methodists live by the Wesleyan standard? Silence, contentment, & complacency aptly describe Sardis.

You get the idea the average Protestant is not as Holy as we think we are. Jesus just said so! (Rev.3:1)

Notice Jesus has nothing good to say about Sardis because as a whole it no longer lives on Biblical truth.

In fact; Sardis was born in revival but now living off its past without even the ability to claim its own heritage when things like the teachings of the Wesley brothers no longer resemble todays Church.

Jesus said your deeds/work are not complete in my sight but yet most Christians have shamefully quit working for His Gospel long ago.

Ok, Sardis was virtually destroyed by an earthquake in 17 AD by which the Roman Emperor Tiberius rebuilt the city because its gold was needed by the Empire.

However, the cost for Sardis was that they had to then worship Tiberius as god.

Sardis existed until 716 AD when Muslim Arabs invaded and the decline this time was permanent. Today only a small village exists on this location and its name is Start. As in start your car.

Jesus said there are a few people amongst the Sardis people who have "overcome" as in "Born Again" in Him who will wear the White Garments meaning made pure & Sanctified by the indwelling Holy Spirit and such as these will not be blotted out of the "Book of Life."

There are 2 Books of Life.

First is the Fathers which is subtraction as in when GOD creates a person they are added to His Book of Life. When people die physically without being reborn Spiritually they are blotted out.

The second book is addition. This is the Lambs Book of Life. The Book of Christ starts off blank and when someone is Saved through Him their name is added. Thusly this is the legal Law aspect of Justification. A dual accounting system. (Rev.20)

Key Historical Protestant Leaders:

(Protestant = Protest against Vatican corruption)

Martin Luther (1483–1546): German Theologian who initiated the Protestant Reformation with his Ninety-five Theses.

John Calvin (1509–1564): French Theologian in Geneva whose teachings formed the basis of Reformed, Congregational, and Presbyterian churches.

Huldrych Zwingli (1484–1531): Leader of the Swiss Reformation.

John Knox (c. 1514–1572): Scottish Minister who established the Presbyterian Church in Scotland.

Thomas Cranmer (1489–1556): Key leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury.

Philip Melanchthon (1497–1560): German reformer and close collaborator of Martin Luther.

John Wycliffe (c. 1329–1384): Known as the "Morning Star of the Reformation," he translated the Bible into English.

Jan Hus (c. 1369–1415): Czech reformer who influenced the Hussite movement.

Verse 5: Jesus just reminded everyone that He will never blot out or erase anyone from His Book of Life once a person is victorious over this world and as we have repeatedly seen this means “Born Again” in Christ (1 John 5:4)

So, a person can suffer loss of reward or prestige of reputation in Heaven at the “Bema” rewards Judgement but never our Salvation once Saved. This being a very controversial statement, but the Words of Jesus just ensured this as a fact.

As Hal Lindsey said:

“There is nothing we can do to earn Salvation and if we could lose it we would.”

✝ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8 ESV

Reference to the “Bema” or rewards Judgement for Believers

✝ For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1Peter 4:17 RSV

The context of this verse is for the Believer

✝ For we (Believers) must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10 NASB



Again, our Salvation including our entrance into Heaven is never in question for the Born-Again Believer of Jesus. However, our rewards for this life as in what we did for Christ can be gained or lost by our actions, inaction, attitude, and participation.

As for the unbelieving those lost by refusing Jesus and the Sin Pardon of His cross.

Their Judgement for Sin will be covered in Revelation 20. (Hint no one gets away with anything)

Also note Jesus said to the unaware Protestant believer that He will come like a “thief in the night” catching complacent uneducated Christians unaware of His Scripture given Signs of His End Times return. This is actually a remark concerning the Jewish Wedding tradition known as the “Midnight Cry.” In Jesus Time it was the Father of the Groom who initiated the wedding of his son after a completed contract was in place with the perspective Bride and all of the necessary preparation was complete. This will be covered in depth in Revelation 4.

Before THE Day of the Lord begins (Judgement) the Rapture of the Bride of Christ must take place

✝ for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night

1 Thessalonians 5:2 NIV

When?

✝ But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matthew 24:36 NIV

For the record: The time of the taking of the Bride/Church is totally unknown save for the Signs of the Times that Jesus gave to us as clues for His return. However, the Second Coming of Messiah/Christ can be known to the very minute. Because the Bible tells us so.

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Jesus WILL return at the exact moment the 7-year Covenant Israel makes with the antichrist expires.

As for those who deny Jesus as Christ/Messiah they will face Holy GOD'S Law & pure Righteousness:

✝ And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Exodus 32:33 KJV

✝ Charge them with crime upon crime; do not let them share in your salvation.<sup>28</sup> May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous. Psalm 69:27-28 NIV

In its history Sardis fell twice to conquerors due to a lack of diligence coupled with overconfidence by its watchmen on their walls. This is why Jesus selected Sardis as representative of overconfident and non zealous Protestant Christianity. Additionally, the 2 forces that conquered Sardis each have a Biblical connection.

First in 546 BC by Cyrus the Great whom Isaiah in chapters 44 & 45 called by name 150 years before his birth. Further Isaiah Prophetically detailed that Cyrus was to each lead the Medo/Persian Empire being represented by the chest and 2 arms of silver of the statue of King Nebuchadnezzars dream found in the book of Daniel chapter 2 (note 2 arms means 2 divisions Medes & Persians) & to be the one who sets the Jews free from captivity in Babylon exactly after 70 years to conclude their first of 3 Biblically predicted Diaspora = defeat & dispersion for Sin rebellion.

The second to conquer Sardis was Antiochus the 3<sup>rd</sup> who was the father of Antiochus Epiphanes the 4<sup>th</sup> who is our Biblical and historical example of the future antichrist who defiled the Temple in Jerusalem in 168BC and set up a past example of the yet future "Abomination of Desolation." (Rev.13)

Records of Antiochus can be found in the Apocrypha book of the Maccabees. Of course, the Apocrypha make no mistake is NOT sacred scripture. The Apocrypha are roughly historical books of the Intertestamental period for Israel of the years between the Old & New Testaments.

The historical story of a "thief in a night" Jesus quoted as for Sardis goes like this: Cyrus the Great surrounded and cut off Sardis but could not breach its walls. So, he posted a reward for anyone who could find a way through.

In time Cyrus's soldiers and the Sardis defenders upon it's lofty walls began to taunt each other. Then-when a Sardis soldier dropped his helmet a commander of Cyrus's army rightly made a show of no one was to go out there and try to retrieve it. Because he proclaimed they would be attacked from above.

The commander understood that all soldiers are always financially responsible for the equipment they are issued. Later that night the commander concealed himself in some shrubbery waiting & sure enough the helmetless Sardis defender emerged to retrieve his helmet. Only not through the main gate but from a secret passage hidden in the wall.

The Medo/Persians waited until the next night then they went through the wall like a thief in the night.

Jesus instructs lackadaisical Christians to "Repent."

The Classic Websters Dictionary definition is: To feel regret for a deed or omission, to desire to change one's life as a result of sorrow from Sin.



We will see this statue again in Rev.6

✝ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens.<sup>8</sup> I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. <sup>9</sup> Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and learn that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup> Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial which is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell upon the earth. <sup>11</sup> I AM coming soon; hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. <sup>12</sup> He who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God; never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. <sup>13</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Philadelphia is the 6<sup>th</sup> Church Age from 1750 -1925

Lesson for us : GOD honors those who honor Him.

Philadelphia was the time of great revival & also serves as Christ’s letter to those strong in Faith having little in worldly power but great in Spiritual & moral influence.

Philadelphia was originally founded on 140 BC by the King of Pergamum in the Kingdom of Lydia & was famous for grapes and to a lesser extent textiles and leather goods.

Philly was located on the Hermes river (Gediz today) 28 miles southeast of Sardis and was also destroyed in 17 AD/CE by a massive earthquake.

The Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar the step/adopted son of Octavian Augustus Caesar then had the city rebuilt. Philadelphia was captured by the Turks in 1390 AD and a prosperous Christian community remained there until the defeat of the Ottoman Empire at the conclusion of the first World War.

When retreating Islamic forces slaughtered and dispersed an estimated 1.5 million Christians throughout all of their former territories. This we have noted before in our study of Christ’s letter to Thyatira this slaughter has become known as the Armenian Genocide. (aka forgotten Holocaust 1915-1923)

Today Philadelphia has been renamed Alasehir in the Manisa Province of the Aegean region of modern-day Turkey with raisins and other dried fruits serving as the main economy.

Philadelphia was known as a fortress city & was called the gate/doorway to the east.

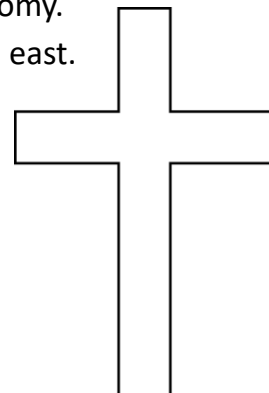
In fact, this is why Jesus refers to Philadelphia as an open door.

As in He opens the doors unto the Faithful for Gospel Ministry.

In verse 7 we hear Jesus speak of the “Key of David.”

David was promised by GOD that he would never fail to have a descendant upon the throne of Israel.

The context for this next verse is the pre incarnate Christ Jesus appearing to King Solomon as He gave to him this promise:





Within 1Kings 9:4-5 Jesus promised each father & son Kings David/Solomon that HE-Christ Messiah would be born human of their blood line.

Messiah/Christ prophesized to have permanent full authority

✠ I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

Isaiah 22:22 NIV

The lineage of David: Did you know in Jesus Time it was considered to be an impossibility that a descendant of King David would ever sit upon Israel's throne again?

Because Jeremiah 22:30 had cut off his regal son King Solomon's line for Sinful Disobedience. Meaning the Scribes, Pharisee's, & Sadducees thought it impossible for a single even Divine man to be born & then fulfill this ancient Prophecy. In fact; to this very day the Jews still expect 2 men.

As in a Suffering Joseph type servant & a conquering King together to fulfill all Prophecy of Christ. This is a chief reason why Revelation 13 predicts 2! (Jews refuse to admit it is one man coming twice!)

A False antichrist with His False Prophet. (one Gentile will claim to be Christ & the other Jewish Elijah) Because stubborn Israel still expects 2 separate individuals and satan knows this!!

Ok, how GOD in Heaven fulfilled the Messianic Christ prophecy with one Divine Holy man:

Joseph- Jesus's human stepfather was of the correct King Solomons line to be eligible as a descendant to claim Israel's Throne, but he had Jeremiah's blood curse. So, Joseph was cut off.

However, Mary Jesus's human mother was also a descendant of David just not of King Solomons cut off line. Mary likewise was also a blood descendant of King David but not from Solomons official throne cut off line but from Nathan another son of David.

Now bringing it all together:

Jesus had inherited his human stepfather Joseph's legal Regal eligibility for the Throne at His stepfathers passing but without his stepfather's blood curse because he was not only Joseph's eldest but adopted Son. Likewise, Mary his mother gave Jesus the blood right to King David.

Meaning Jesus has the blood right through Mary for the Throne of Israel and He has His stepfather Joseph's legal claim but without his blood curse because Jesus is Joesph's stepson.

✠ The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Dr. Luke 18:27 KJV

In verse 10 is the ever-famous promise from Jesus to remove His Faithful Christians away before the Tribulation begins meaning our Lord will take us His Church/Bride away. As in Rapture.

Just as Nations remove their ambassadors out of harms way when they are about to go to war with an enemy. Remember from History class why the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor ignited so much anger was because Japan's Ambassadors had forgotten to account for the time zone difference between Washington D.C. & Hawaii as they were in peace negotiations when Imperial Japan attacked American forces.

✠ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2Corinthians 5:20 NASB

In verse 11 we read to the one who is victorious meaning the one Saved in Jesus He will make a pillar in GOD'S Temple. Historically often pillars within the Temple in Jerusalem were named for Faithful servants of GOD. Also, the Lord says He marks or writes upon us at Salvation a new name.

The Indwelling Holy Spirit is what marks and sets us apart from Sinful humanity

✝ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14NIV

During the Great Philadelphian Age Great Christian fervor swept the world resulting in the founding of the United States of America with its first capitol even being named Philadelphia!

Rev.3:14-22 ESV

✝ And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.<sup>15</sup> I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing," not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen,

and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The 7 names Jesus uses for Himself in His 7 letters:

1. Ephesus: "The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands"
2. Smyrna: "The First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life"
3. Pergamum: "The One who has the sharp two-edged sword"
4. Thyatira: "The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass"
5. Sardis: "The One who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars"
6. Philadelphia: "He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David"
7. Laodicea: "The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God"



Laodicea is the 7<sup>th</sup> and final Church type and Age and it runs from 1925 to the Rapture.

Lesson for us:

✝ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

2 Timothy 3:5 NKJV

Laodicea as a Church Era goes without any complement or praise from Jesus being weak on each Holiness & Devotion. It is the Era and type of self satisfied as in justifying themselves Christian. Laodicea is each physically wealthy while Spiritually poor having affluence but without influence because its Doctrine and Theology are each corrupt having false believers who are morally bankrupt. Laodicea was founded by Antiochus the second King of the Greek Seleucid Empire in 261 BC and he named this city after his wife Laodice.

Laodicea was located upon the trade routes between Asia minor and Syria and as such merchants and financiers deposited their funds here in order to avoid highway robbery by bandits. Thusly it became a well to do financial center with a fine garment and a pharmaceutical industry as well.

Much money was to be made by handling money, selling high end fashionable clothing, & medicine. So much money that during the Roman earthquakes when other cities were destroyed and rebuilt by Caesar, Laodicea refused Imperial help because they did not want the rules that came with the aid.

In verse 16 we read that Jesus called Laodicea lukewarm.

This is an apt description of a believer weak in Faith who should know better and an exact description of Laodicea at this time.

The city was located on the Lycus river, and it was fine for industry or waste however its water was too muddy for consumption. Having great wealth Laodicea built 2 aqueducts from neighboring cities. Nearby Hierapolis which had hot springs whereas Colossae had cold snow mountain water runoff. So, Laodicea promoted that they were so rich that they had each hot and cold running water.

This is why Jesus directly said you are lukewarm as in a false reputation for its hot and cold water. Because by the time each of the water supplies actually reached Laodicea, they were disappointingly lukewarm. Jesus is saying that many Last Days believers unfortunately in His sight can be like this.

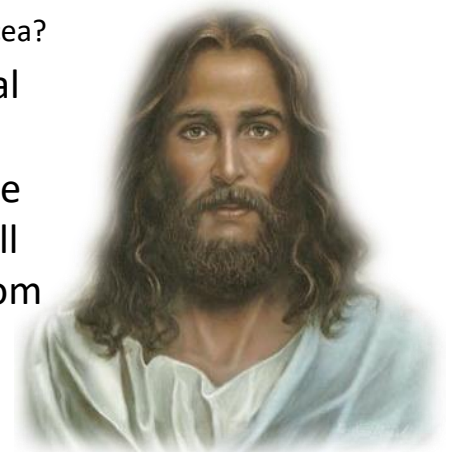
Paul's Epistle to the Colossians being only 12 miles away they had very similar Spiritual problems:

✝ When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part, read my letter that is coming from Laodicea. (Scholars suppose this was the letter/epistle of Ephesians)

Colossians 4:16 NASB

What was Paul's advice to Colossae they were to share with Laodicea?

✝ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices. →



<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 4: 5-6, 8-9,12-15 ESV

Today ancient Laodicea is an abandoned wasteland known as Old Castle having its ruins excavated. In verse 17 Jesus says Laodicean people being culture Christians only are poor, blind, and wretched. As in even though people today live materialistically quite comfortably as compared to peoples of the past, but Jesus states that being poor Spiritually creates each a blindness of not knowing Him or His Word leaving such people in their Sins poor as in dirty and wretched in His Holy sight.

Wretched is the word Jesus's uses in Greek and its definition from the classic Websters dictionary is: " A miserable creature one sunk in vice or degradation one profoundly unhappy very poor mean and despicable."

Jesus did describe a Laodicean Christian as physically rich but Spiritually bankrupt and we should note by Wretch d's definition of having riches & things this does not bring happiness with contentment.

As in lukewarm people are not truly remorseful for their Sin against Holy GOD they only wish to be absolved from the penalty of their Sin.

Jesus said He is the beginning of creation-this reads poorly in English Jesus is NOT saying He was the first thing created but rather better put in English is that He is the author/cause of creation.

Today even within some church walls and particularly in the hearts and minds of some believers is the thought that only uneducated people take the Bible literally and seriously because it is unscientific.

The only people who make such claims about GOD'S Word being unscientific are those disobedient to the Bible and wishing to self Justify their own unbelief.

Did you know that everything we know about science is contained within the very first 10 words of GOD'S Holy Word the Bible?

✝ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 NIV

In the Beginning of what – Time. GOD is outside of time because He created it.

GOD = Cause.

Created = Force.

Heavens = Space

Earth = Matter or Substance.

Heaven & Earth = Effect of GOD creating.

So, we have Time, Space, & Matter, with GOD as the Force of Cause & His results are Effect.

Only:

A rebellious mind places hope in the corrupted politics of government.

A rebellious heart places faith in false pseudo science denying GOD.

A rebellious soul places purpose and meaning of life in twisted social education justifying evil.

✠ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight.

1 Corinthians 3:19A NIV

If you noticed several times in His letter to the lukewarm Christian Jesus has mentioned the Spiritual blindness of Laodicea.

This is because the most famous medical product from Laodicea were tablets you crushed and mixed with water to put onto your eyes as a salve. This medicine was effective and popular throughout the Middle East due to the irritating wind-blown sand and constantly bright sun.

In verse 20 are Jesus's ever famous Words that have inspired countless art renditions.

Our Lord outside the door of a believer's heart with no handle that must be opened from the inside. As in even in the Laodicean Age Jesus is still Saving one believer at a time as their hearts allow.

Ok, lets pause and think about this- Jesus is saying He is at the door knocking & He is the Amen.

Amen means "So be it." This is how people have concluded Prayer for time immemorial.

But consider also Jesus in at the door getting ready to leave as in concluding His 7-fold Church Age.

The very first words of Revelation chapter 4 are Jesus opens the door to Heaven.(Rapture of His Church)

## THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

CHURCHES:	STRENGTHS:	FAILURES:	INSTRUCTION:	PROMISE TO THE FAITHFUL:
<b>EPHESUS</b> "LOVELESS" REV. 2:1-7	HARD WORK; PATIENT ENDURANCE; REJECTED EVIL; PERSEVERANCE	YOU HAVE FORSAKEN YOUR FIRST LOVE	REPENT AND DO THE WORKS YOU DID AT FIRST	YOU WILL EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE
<b>SMYRNA</b> "SUFFERING" REV. 2:8-11	ENDURING YOUR SUFFERING AND POVERTY - YET YOU ARE RICH	NONE	REMAIN FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN FACING PRISON, PERSECUTION OR DEATH	I WILL GIVE YOU THE CROWN OF LIFE; YOU WILL NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH
<b>PERGAMOS</b> "WORLDLY" REV. 2:12-17	LOYALTY TO CHRIST; REFUSE TO DENY HIM	TOLERATES CULTS, HERESIES, IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY	REPENT!	HIDDEN MANNA AND A STONE WITH A NEW NAME ON IT
<b>THYATIRA</b> "WRONG DOCTRINE" REV. 2:18-29	LOVE, FAITH, WORKS; PATIENT ENDURANCE; CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT	TOLERATES PAGAN CULTS, IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY; JUDGMENT COMING!	REPENT!	FAITHFUL WILL HOLD FAST UNTIL I COME; I WILL GIVE YOU THE MORNING STAR
<b>SARDIS</b> "SPIRITUALLY DEAD" REV. 3:1-6	ONLY A FAITHFUL FEW HAVE KEPT THE FAITH; CHURCH SPIRITUALLY DEAD	REPENT AND TURN BACK TO CHRIST	STRENGTHEN WHAT LITTLE FAITH REMAINS	FAITHFUL WILL WALK WITH JESUS AND NOT BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE
<b>PHILADELPHIA</b> "SPIRITUALLY ALIVE" REV. 3:7-13	KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME	NONE	YOU HAVE AN OPEN DOOR; I WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL	I WILL MAKE YOU A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD
<b>LAODICEA</b> "COMPLACENT" REV. 3:14-22	NONE	NEITHER HOT NOR COLD; YOUR RICHES MAKE YOU IMPOVERISHED	TURN FROM INDIFFERENCE AND REPENT!	I WILL INVITE THOSE WHO OVERCOME TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE

This is the last time we hear about the Church in Revelation until after the Tribulation Concludes!

### Requiem of Truth

Whenever darkness befalls a people  
Evil is a recipe bedeviling a society  
Who's outcome tis always the same:  
Truth shalt be maligned  
Truth shalt be ignored  
Truth shalt be denied  
Truth shalt be redefined

### John's Christian Code:

Old Testament references in chapter 3  
3:5 Exod. 32:32-33, PS.69:28, Dan.12:1  
3:7 Job 12:14, Isa.22:22  
3:9 Isa.43:4, 45:14, 49:23, 60:14  
3:12 Isa. 62:2, 65:15, Ezek. 48:35  
3:14 Prov. 8:22  
3:17 Hos. 12:8  
3:19 Prov. 3:12

✚ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

During the Jewish Sacrificial cycle, it concluded with a peace offering meal called "Zevach Shlamim."  
It was a joyous time in which the presence of the Lord was a supposed guest!

People say they will not accept a GOD who allows this or that.

But Revelation details when GOD does call all Sin into Judgement & then the very same people say this is unacceptable.

GOD'S Justice is only delayed until its proper time. Then all Sinful Suffering will be atoned for.

With pain and disease terminated & evil intentions replaced by GOD'S Will.

## **Mankind's false trinity for life's answers**

### **1. Government**

**Hope is placed into corrupted politics**

### **2. Pseudo Science**

**Faith in twisted theory to say what they want to believe**

### **3. Education**

**Omitting GODly facts to justify evil in the name of Reason**

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## **The definition of modern Religion**

**Entertainment  
& Education**

**Media  
News & Social**

**Government  
& Legal Lawfare**

**Have combined to impose an agenda of immoral presuppositions as our traditions**

**Never forget accepting anything by blind Faith especially liberal policy is religion by definition  
Accepting anything without investigation is by default self-subjugation**