

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – September 4th – 9th
Doing Life Together – Seven Churches of Revelation Pt 6

MONDAY: Proverbs 14:5, 2 Corinthians 1:20

KEY VERSE: Revelation 3:14

OBSERVATION: Christ identifies Himself here with three titles that cover His entire career from eternity past to eternity future.⁵ First, concerning the future Jesus is “the Amen.” “Amen” means “so be it, it is true.” It also connotes the idea of finality or the last word. When applied to Christ, it is a testimony to His ability to produce what He predicts (cf. Isa 65:16). Thus, every promise He makes is true and every woe He pronounces shall come to pass.

TUESDAY: Romans 12:1, Acts 18:25

KEY VERSE: Revelation 3:15-16

OBSERVATION: What this letter lacks is the commendation. It is unique among the seven letters in that Christ has nothing good to say about this church. Jesus begins His condemnation by saying, “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; From the standpoint of their ministry the church at Laodicea provided neither refreshment nor healing, they could only cause nausea. They were useless to the Lord and His purposes for the church in the world. Jesus is saying, “If you were hot or cold I could do something with you. But because you are neither, I will do nothing.”

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 5:3, 1 Corinthians 4:8

KEY VERSE: Revelation 3:17

OBSERVATION: The church at Laodicea was made up of Christians who were trusting in themselves and their wealth or what they thought their wealth could buy them. These believers were so well off they thought they needed help from neither man nor God. The people there say that their wealth and prosperity eliminates their need for the Lord. They had bought into the satanic delusion that money can buy anything. They didn’t need to trust God. If there is a glaring truth that stands out from this section, it is this: God’s estimation of us is often very different from our estimation of ourselves. In what or who is your confidence?

THURSDAY: Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 13:44,

KEY VERSE: Revelation 3:18-19

OBSERVATION: Jesus “advises” them to “buy” three entities. First, “gold refined by fire.” A purified life. And “white garments” clothed in the righteousness of God. The third “eye salve” so that their spiritual sight can be improved. (John 14:26; 1 Cor 2:14-16).

FRIDAY: Matthew 24:33, John 10:3

KEY VERSE: Revelation 3:20

OBSERVATION: It is addressed to Christians and is inviting them to have fellowship with Christ. The figure of opening the door²⁹ is an illustration of what it means to “be zealous and repent” (cf. 3:19). Although the Savior’s sternest rebukes and condemnation are directed toward Laodicea, so also does He reserve for her the most glorious and precious promises given to any of the seven churches. Just as Christ was declared the victor over death by His resurrection and ascension to sit at the right hand of the Father, so believers follow Christ in victory to join Him on His throne and reign with Him (2 Tim 2:12). There is no greater reward or higher dignity than to reign with Christ.

SATURDAY: Acts 9:31, Acts 16:5

KEY VERSE: Revelation 3:22

OBSERVATION: How easy it would be to allow these words of rebuke and instruction to pass one by. How easy it would be to fall into the same complacency and self-reliance that plagued the Laodicean church. If we have learned anything from this letter, it is that we must not be smug and complacent, but rather be zealous, evidencing fruit worthy of repentance. Our own assets are worthless before Christ. We must obtain all our spiritual assets from Him.