

Revelation
Letters to the 7 churches – Philadelphia, Laodicea
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The church at Philadelphia

Jesus holds the “_____ of David” signifying His authority of kingship

What they were commended for:

1. They have _____ God’s word 2. Not _____ His name

What their problems were:

_____ noted!

God affirms that being a member of ‘his people’ is not a matter of nationality or _____

What their command was: – Continue to hold onto what they have (their _____)

4 Possible outcomes:

1. Keep them from the hour of trial that will come upon the _____ earth.
2. Keep their _____ 3. Be made a _____ in the worship of God
4. They will have 3 names written on them, i.e. claimed as belonging to.

1. The _____ of God 2. The name of the new _____
3. _____ new name

The church at Laodicea

3 Descriptions of Jesus

1. The _____ 2. The faithful and true _____
3. The _____ of the creation of God

What they were commended for: _____!

What their problem was: – Neither cold nor hot concerning their _____ for Christ.

What their commands were:

1. To intentionally obtain: True and pure _____; _____ garments that properly covers them; _____ medicine that will allow them to really see. 2. Be zealous and _____

Disobey: “_____” from God’s mouth and made to live in a state of being “wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.”

Obeys: True riches; White garments; Eyes that work properly; Sit with _____

HOMEWORK

1. Read Lamentations 3:40-41. What does it mean to examine your ways? How is it done? Why might a person be reluctant to do this?

2. To repent means to ‘turn back to God’s ways.’ Is there *always* an area in each person’s life that is in need of being turned back toward the Lord? Are we ever fully beyond the need to search out and examine our ways and repent?

3. Jesus honored the Philadelphians because they “kept My word, and have not denied My name.” What does it mean to keep God’s word? What does it mean, in your everyday life, to not deny the name of the Lord?

4. The Laodiceans were not willing to take a stand in any particular direction – they were completely compromised and ineffective as a church. What temperature do you believe you are? Is your faith hot enough to bring a sense of conviction or healing to others? Do others who are weary in their faith walk turn to you for spiritual refreshment?