

# Thursday Morning Bible Study

## MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA

JESUS INTRODUCES HIMSELF AS:

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_  
SPEAKS OF GOD AS:

- A GOD OF \_\_\_\_\_
- A GOD OF \_\_\_\_\_

AMEN MEANS:

- \_\_\_\_\_ OR FIXED
- FAITHFUL OR \_\_\_\_\_

1 COR. 1:20 FOR ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN HIM ARE YES, AND IN HIM AMEN, UNTO THE GLORY OF GOD

- JESUS IS GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

2. THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE \_\_\_\_\_

3. HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CREATION OF GOD

- MEANS HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CREATION
- HE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ BY WHICH CREATION BEGAN

COL. 1: V. 15 THE SON IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE **FIRSTBORN** OVER ALL CREATION.

- THE GREEK WORD FOR "FIRSTBORN MEANS THAT JESUS IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ ONE

V. 16-18 FOR IN HIM (JESUS) ALL THINGS WERE CREATED: THINGS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THRONES OR POWERS OR RULERS OR AUTHORITIES; ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH; HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE FIRSTBORN FROM AMONG THE DEAD, SO THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE THE SUPREMACY.

COL. 4:16 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.

THE GREEK WORD FOR "BEGINNING" (ARCHE) MEANS:

- THE \_\_\_\_\_
- THE \_\_\_\_\_

FACTS ABOUT THE CITY:

- \_\_\_\_\_ MILES SOUTHEAST OF PHILADELPHIA

- \_\_\_\_\_ MILES EAST OF EPHEBUS
  - IMP BECAUSE IT WAS ON AN EW AND N/S \_\_\_\_\_ ROUTE
  - FOUNDED BY ANTIOCHUS II IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ CENTURY BC
- IMP. FEATURES:
1. ITS \_\_\_\_\_ SUPPLY
  2. COMMERCIAL FEATURES:
    - a. A CENTER FOR \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. FAMOUS FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ INDUSTRY
    - c. THEY DEVELOPED A SALVE FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AILMENTS

THE CONDEMNATION:

1. THEIR \_\_\_\_\_
  - COLD REPRESENTED OPEN OUTRIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST
  - HOT REPRESENTED BEING ZEALOUS AND SPIRITUALLY \_\_\_\_\_

QUOTE BY JOHN STOTT: "THE LAODICEAN CHURCH WAS A HALF-HEARTED CHURCH. PERHAPS NONE OF THE SEVEN LETTERS IS MORE APPROPRIATE TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CHURCH THAN THIS. IT DESCRIBES VIVIDLY THE RESPECTABLE, SENTIMENTAL, NOMINAL, SKIN-DEEP RELIGIOUSITY WHICH IS SO WIDESPREAD AMONG US TODAY. OUR CHRISTIANITY IS FLABBY AND ANEMIC. WE APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN A LUKEWARM BATH."

2. THEIR SELF-\_\_\_\_\_ GNOSTICISM
  - COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD WHICH MEANS "TO \_\_\_\_\_"
  - HAVING SECRET, \_\_\_\_\_ KNOWLEDGE
  - KNOWLEDGE \_\_\_\_\_ EVERYONE ELSE
  - SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_

JESUS INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS CHURCH:

1. BUY \_\_\_\_\_ (REFINED BY FIRE) FROM HIM
  - REFERS TO \_\_\_\_\_ BLESSINGS

1 PETER 1:7 I WILL GIVE YOU TRUE FAITH WHICH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD WHICH IS PERISHABLE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE, IT IS FOUND ULTIMATELY TO RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.
2. RECEIVE FROM HIM \_\_\_\_\_ GARMENTS
  - REFERS TO THE GIFT OF \_\_\_\_\_ GIVEN AT +S

THE WORD "WHITE" IN THE GREEK MEANS:

  - DAZZLING OR \_\_\_\_\_
  - LIKE THE WHITE OF A \_\_\_\_\_

3. RECEIVE FROM HIM \_\_\_\_\_ SALVE SO THAT YOU MAY SEE THE GREEK WORD "DISCIPLINE":

- IS USED IN LUKE 23 TWICE REFERRING TO \_\_\_\_\_
- IS USED IN 2 TIM. 2:25 WITH REGARD TO \_\_\_\_\_

THE GREEK WORD "LOVE":

- IS THE WORD \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT AGAPE)
- MEANS \_\_\_\_\_ APART FROM RELATIONSHIP

QUOTE FROM DAVID MARTYN LLOYD JONES ON REPENTANCE:

"REPENTANCE MEANS THAT YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE A GUILTY, VILE SINNER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, THAT YOU DESERVE THE WRATH AND PUNISHMENT OF GOD, AND THAT YOU ARE HELL BOUND. IT MEANS THAT YOU BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT THIS THING CALLED SIN IS IN YOU, AND THAT YOU LONG TO GET RID OF IT, AND THAT YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON IT IN EVERY SHAPE AND FORM. YOU RENOUNCE THE WORLD, WHATEVER THE COST. THE WORLD IN ITS MIND AND OUTLOOK AS WELL AS ITS PRACTICE, AND YOU DENY YOURSELF AND TAKE UP THE CROSS, AND GO AFTER CHRIST, YOUR NEAREST AND DEAREST. AND THE WHOLE WORLD MAY CALL YOU A FOOL OR SAY YOU HAVE RELIGIOUS MANIA. YOU MAY HAVE TO SUFFER FINANCIALLY, BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. THAT IS REPENTANCE. REPENTANCE IS ONLY GOING TO COME IF YOU REALIZE YOU ARE NOT RICH, AND YOU ARE NOT WEALTHY AND IN NEED OF NOTHING."

"DINE WITH HIM" MEANS:

- FELLOWSHIP AND \_\_\_\_\_
- SHARED LIFE AND SHARED \_\_\_\_\_
- CLOSENESS, AFFECTION, \_\_\_\_\_
- THIS IS SPEAKING OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ MEAL