

Revelation 3:14-4:1

Behold, I Stand At the Door and Knock

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All Verses are in New King James Version, 1985 Thomas Nelson

Revelation 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. 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 dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit 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.'""

Col 1:13 He [God the Father] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love [Jesus], 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him [Jesus] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He [Jesus] is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

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Rom 9:22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

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Peter Drucker's Key Role in the Corruption of Evangelicalism

I recently watched a fascinating two-hour online video titled *Church of Tares: Purpose Driven, Seeker-Sensitive, Church Growth & New World Order.*

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But in the 1980's Drucker gave a profound boost to the movement by choosing Evangelical leaders Rick Warren, Bill Hybels, and Bob Buford and mentoring them in the application of his management theories to church government. The seeker-sensitive pastors added Drucker's marketing and organizational-management genius to the basic Church Growth game plan of using secular wisdom to increase the size of congregations.

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Rev 2:8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: 9 "I know your works, tribulation, **and poverty (but you are rich)**;

<https://www.thatttheworldmayknow.com/laodicea>

The city was renowned for three main industries:

A banking center for the province of Asia Minor, including a gold exchange;

The textile center where glossy, black wool was woven into garments called trimata that were prized in the Roman world;

The location of a major medical school known worldwide and where an eye salve called Phyrigian powder was made from a local stone.

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Ephesus - You have left your first love. Repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent.

Smyrna - Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Pergamos - You have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Thyatira - You allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

Sardis - If you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Philadelphia - I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept my word, and have not denied my name. Because you have kept my command

to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Laodiceans - You are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Rev 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which you have seen [chapter 1], and the things which are [church age - chapters 2-3], and the things which will take place after this [after the church age].