JESUS WARNS, INFORMS, & CONFORMS

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Revelation 1:17-20 I am the first and the last, and the living One; & I was dead, & behold, I am alive forevermore, & I have the keys of death & of Hades…the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

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:

1. Who is the Amen? Who is the Faithful? Who is the True Witness?
2. What does Amen mean? What does it mean to be the Amen?

AMEN:

As a verb, it signifies to confirm, establish, verify; to trust, or give confidence;

As a noun, truth, firmness, trust, confidence;

As an adjective, firm, stable.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Matthew 7:24-25 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine (Jesus), and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

1 Peter 2:6-8 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

1. What does Faithful mean? What does it mean to be the Faithful?

FAITHFUL:

1. Firm in adherence to the truth and to the duties of religion.

**2.**Firmly adhering to duty; of **true fidelity**; **loyal**; **true to allegiance**; as a faithful subject.

**3. Constant in the performance of duties or services**; **exact in attending to commands**;

2Timothy 2:11-13 This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Hebrews 3:1-2 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him,…Moses indeed was faithful in all God’s house as a servant,…but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

1. Should a follower of Christ be faithful to Christ? Why?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 …Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body & in your spirit, which are God’s.

Romans 6:16-18 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1. What does it mean to be faithful to Christ?

FAITHFULNESS TO CHRIST:

1. Firm in adherence to Christ.

**2. True fidelity to Christ**; **loyal to Christ**; **true to allegiance to Christ**;

**3. Exact in attending to commands of Christ**;

**1 John 5:3** For **this is the love of God**, that **we keep His commandments**.

**John 14:21** He who has My commandments and keeps them, **it is he who loves Me**.

1. What does True Witness mean? What does it mean to be the True Witness?

TRUE:

1. Genuine; pure; real; not counterfeit.

2. Free from falsehood.

3. Honest; not fraudulent.

4. Exact; right to precision.

5. Not false or pretended.

WITNESS:

1. Testimony; attestation of a fact or event.

2. That which furnishes evidence or proof.

3. A person who knows or sees any thing; one personally present.

4. One who gives testimony.

John 8:12-14 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.” Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.

John 8:17-19 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

John 18:37 Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.

John 14:6-11 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

1. How does Jesus the Man fulfill the Amen, the Faithful, and the True Witness?
2. Who is the Beginning of the creation of God? What is this creation?

Colossians 2:13-16 God has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him 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. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 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. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, & 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.

2Cor 5:17-18 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, & has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

Gal 6:14-15 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ … For in Him neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Luke 1:35 And the angel…said to Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Romans 8:29 For whom God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Heb 1:5-7 For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? & again: “I will be to Him a Father, & He shall be to Me a Son”? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

Rom 5:18-20, 1Cor 15:20-23 …through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life…by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners,…by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous…But now Christ is risen from the dead, & has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep…by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die,…in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

Revelation 3:14-16 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,…“I know your works, that 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.

1. What does Jesus know about the Laodiceans (one word answer)? You?
2. Jesus said the Laodiceans were neither \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
3. Jesus wished they were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
4. From Jesus’ point of view in this passage, is being hot a bad thing? Cold?
5. Do you have Jesus’ point of view as it relates to hot and cold?
6. What temperature were the Laodiceans according to Jesus? Good?
7. Do you like lukewarm coffee, tea, juice, milk, soda? Why?
8. What did Jesus say He would do if they remained lukewarm?
9. Do you spit good things out of your mouth? Would Jesus?

Revelation 3:17 …you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—

1. The Laodiceans were saying they were \_\_\_\_\_\_ and have \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
2. What is our most important need? Can riches (money/assets) satisfy that need?

1Pet 1:8-9 Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible & full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

Matthew 16:25-26 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it,…For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

1. What is your soul worth (fame, pleasure, money, love, family, friends, job)?

Revelation 3:17 …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—

1. The Laodiceans were not rich, Jesus told them they were what five things?

1. w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 2. m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 3. p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 4. b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 5. n\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Why were the Laodiceans wretched? Who are the wretched Christians today?

WRETCHED: Despicable; hatefully vile and contemptible.

1. Why were the Laodiceans miserable? Who are the miserable Christians today?

MISERABLE: Very poor; worthless.

1. Why were the Laodiceans poor? Who are the poor Christians today?

POOR: Destitute (Not having or possessing; wanting) of saving grace.

1. Why were the Laodiceans blind? Who are the blind Christians today?

BLIND: Not having the faculty of discernment; destitute of intellectual light;

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

1. Why were the Laodiceans naked? Who are the naked Christians today?

NAKED: Guilty and exposed to divine wrath; Not covered.

1. Why didn’t the Laodiceans realize they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked?
2. Why don’t people today realize they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked?

Revelation 3:18 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.

1. Who did the Laodiceans need? What did they need to do?
2. Who do people today need? What do they need to do?

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous & repent.

Mt 4:17, 9:13, Rom 10:9-10 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”…But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy & not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”…if you confess with your mouth the Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.