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The Laodicean Deception

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Prophetically speaking, there are two churches which stand out in the last days before the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, the Philadelphia church (mission church) and the Laodicean church (apostate church). We are now going to take a good look at what Jesus said about the Laodicean church and compare it to today's church. Jesus has something to say to today's church, I believe, and if you will take a good look I believe your eyes will be opened. The Laodicean church has been labeled the "Apostate" church.

Rev. 3:15-22 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Church Who Lost Its Original Spiritual Foundations

Here is a church which in its beginnings had the Apostles preach to them, yet had *slipped away* from the true message and *foundation* those Apostles originally laid.

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Isn't it amazing that the even though the Apostles preached and taught them as a church in the beginning that they still backslid because they did not keep to the things which they heard and let them *slip away*.

1Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart (Apostate) from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...

There is an invasion going on of *demonic seducing spirits* and *false teachings* into the church. This church embraces such teaching thinking it to be more modern and progressive than those churches who cleave to God's word.

2Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure (retain) sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears

This church by its lusts has opened itself up to have *teachers of seduction* coming to them that have pulled them out of sound teaching once delivered and have set them upon faulty foundations of sand.

2Tim. 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women (those who are) laden with sins, led away with divers lusts

No doubt that the church we are speaking of is full of such lust after this world...and all that is in it. They have *diverse lust* which means *many lusts* driving them inside. This church more and more has faded away from its relationship with the Lord Jesus while moving more and more toward fulfilling its own lusts and desires.

Jesus Corrects His Church

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

The statement that Jesus loves His church and because He does He rebukes and chastens her is true. Correction comes from Jesus. Jesus outlines the exact areas in the passage above which are...

They are not where they think they are in their relationship with Him!

They have become *lukewarm* about to be sued out.

They have become *blind* spiritually.

They are spiritually *destitute*.

They are not who they think they are in *spiritual reputation*.

They are spiritually *filthy*.

They *lack* true faith in God.

They are not as righteous as they think they are before God.

They have *put Jesus out* of their church.

They are a *practicing church* without the movement and presence of the Holy Spirit.

How do you think a church could have gotten in this spiritual condition when they started with the Apostles who fervently preached to them?

The Lukewarm Church

I would thou wert cold or hot.

Jesus has placed this church on trial. His judgment is truly right seeing right into the individual's heart and through facades and charades. In the mind of God their tepid disrespectful response to have a right relationship with Him has been equaled to a negative response in His eyes! His judgment is that they are pretending. He is dealing with that church... and their faith. Their "*Faith*" is *lukewarm*. "*Lukewarm*" here is an expression of pretence or make believe. They are totally self deceived.

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire...

This church has a problem with their faith. They do not want persecution for standing up for His word in a fallen world. They want to avoid the cost of having faith and living though the contradictions of facing the world, saying, "You are fallen, wrong, and in

error for not receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.” This is a church that is running away from facing martyrdom, who desires self preservation at all cost and does not desire to pay the full cost of faith required for every believer. This is why they will end up in the Great Tribulation to face what they do not desire to face.

1Pet. 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ

Moreover, this church doesn't only *not* stand for Jesus and His word against the tide of ungodliness but they actual join the fallen world for their acceptance! This speaks of the lost of identity that they once had “in Christ” but now, having been lost, they search for acceptance outside of Him, being insecure. They are compromised and receive the world's sin as something that Jesus would accept and not change. They incorporate under the umbrella of His forgiveness, all sins unconfessed or unforgiven, and believe that they are automatically acceptable to Him and reduce Jesus to a status of uncleanness virtually on the same level with the fallen world.

This church is pretending to have a connection with Jesus but do not. They have a profession saying...”we have Jesus” yet they have lost connection to Him. They are Hypocrites! They want everyone to look up to them as a church while they are living a lie! They think themselves to be good and spiritual while they are in reality steeped in “*self deception.*”

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jesus is no longer present here. They have lost connection and this church is carnally or soulishly functioning without the moving and operation of the Holy Spirit. The reason the Lord would rather them be “*Cold*” is because He is speaking to them that they should *not* be pretending any longer. Jesus wants them to be *real*... and if they would not real He is going to VOMIT them out of Himself and into the Great Tribulation.

Today's Church Condition

Today's church is the wealthiest church ever known in history. While God's covenant speaks directly to the saints receiving the Lord's oversight and blessings of prosperity, the last day church has majored in it to the extent that they have truly lost sight of the Lord who has blessed them. The book of Proverbs has something to say about that...

Prov. 30:8b-9 ...give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Has this happened to today's church? When they became wealthy did they then get full... and their dependence change saying, “***Who is the Lord?***” It has happened to many along the way as it did the Laodicean church. The attitude of them is heard when they express “***I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.***” What a spiritual delusion they had and have... what a wakeup call when they heard their spiritual

assessment given by the Master. Their attentions have been so into getting money and wealth that they have become estranged from a relationship with the Lord. The Bible promises that if we seek first the Kingdom of God, to manifest His will and purposes in the earth, that all these things shall be added to us as well.

Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

They have pushed and pushed to get wealth... they have even pushed Jesus right out of their church.

Matt. 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the (eternal) life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Spiritual Sell Outs For Material Gain

The church we are speaking of has for the most part equated the increase of material wealth with spiritual blessing from God. Tragically, they gloat over the material wealth they have collected and are unconscious of their true spiritual poverty.

1Tim. 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (Withdraw Yourself!)

So what was the trade off? What was the complete deception? They were selling their *spiritual birthright* of being with the Lord in a spiritually healthy relationship for the gaining of material wealth.

Heb 12:16b Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

Well, even after Jesus spoke on the subject of what people *pursue* and *seek after*... cautioning them telling them... "Isn't Eternal Life More Important – Speaking of a relationship with Him being supreme, the Laodicean church still makes wealth their priority.

Matt. 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Jesus is not against material wealth, but He is against what it can do to your relationship with Him if you have the wrong priorities, lusting after it, placing it above Him in your life.

Lk. 9:25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

Did they seek first God and His righteousness? Maybe at the start but not at this point.

Can Two Masters Be Served?

Lk. 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Certainly, if we have another Master, and do not have Jesus Christ as head of the church, but have mammon as our head, it is going to change our entire direction, service priorities. I believe that is what has happened to the Laodiceans here. They are having something other than Jesus dictate to them. This means their allegiance is not completely to God. They are divided, telling everyone they are serving the Lord, yet serving their mooch for money.

Matt. 4:9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

What makes this church so nasty, I think, is their willingness to bow down. They stand for nothing but what they lust for. They don't care who leads them or what they are listening to as long as they can get what they desire and lust for. Satan tempted Jesus in this way without success. The church who bows down to the fallen world and comes into agreement, desiring acceptance by the world's standards, has compromised her spiritual integrity and is no longer salt and light to a lost world. This is a worldly church.

Spiritual Cast Aways - Backslidden

The Laodicean church is about to be spued out of God Himself, becoming cast aways for their wrong priorities and having conflicts in their proper relationship with Jesus. They have become drunk with their wealth and have become spiritually blinded. The Lord who is not in their church any longer doesn't cover them with His presence... They have become naked without His spiritual cloak upon them as a church. Manmade religion isn't spiritually pretty; honestly, it is really pretty ugly!

Self Righteousness – Religious Piety

They have become arrogant and proud. They are standing there with their nose in the air, thinking they are spiritually above the rest. They want people to bow before them. They want to be honored as high spiritual elites. They are *living in sin* outside of a relationship with the Lord calling themselves *righteous!* *This is Religious Self-Piety.*

Sin Of Partiality – And Promotions

They have committed *the sin of partiality* also...

Jas 2:3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

Look how they have respect for money *instead of those who have true spiritual substance.*

The Position Of The Rich To Leadership...

say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place

What is truly amazing is that they actually believe that having wealth qualifies them for ministry, associating monetary gain with righteousness. To go on with this point further, they believe that the man with wealth is spiritually qualified to lead the church as a

spiritual leader. How sick! The Laodicean Church shows the wealthy the path to rule over the church and gives them a position to govern it. They want to exemplify their teaching and lifestyle as being from God. God doesn't say that an individual's wealth is a sign that He has blessed them and qualified them to lead the church in spiritual matters. CEO's are not Under-Shepherds! This church picks and chooses not by the leading of the Holy Spirit but by the pocket book. Patronizing these leaders is the way this church runs. By doing so they are in contrast with Jesus who said this about His choosing of leadership...

Lk. 22:25-26 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so; but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

The qualification of leadership in the church is very different than that of the world in its thinking and practices. Here, only servants of Jesus as Master qualify.

1Tim. 3:3 ...not greedy of filthy lucre; ...not covetous

In this church, greed and covetousness, instead of being held as sins, which cause potential leaders to be disqualified, have now been embraced *as the stuff that good leaders are made of.*

Gain By Corrupt Ethics, Tactics And Politics

The Laodicean church sets up those who have money over those who have needs and says, "If you become like this rich guy, you'll be blessed of God." There is so much corruption in the church with this focus of teaching. Many times these same people confess that they are blessed of God right after sinful practices and unethically obtaining their means of gain. They themselves fail to mention to the church, in front of God who is listening, the details of how they seized directly upon this wealth. Maybe they're afraid of lighting bolts! I'm sure.

Influences Of The Modern Laodicean Church

Matt. 13:47-48 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

Today's church employs modern methods to grow the church. Jesus speaks of this gathering as gathering the good and the bad together as one church. The gathering of every kind speaks of those converted and unconverted into the same net through evangelism. The methods of evangelism today are not the same as in past generations. These methods of attraction are elaborate and expressive, meant to impress and overwhelm through worldly attraction. Those who are brought into the net have become caught up by what they see and hear.

2Pet. 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

These leaders know that if they say the right token words that you want to hear, in justifying your lusts that you will be drawn in. They know that when they hit the right “Hot Buttons,” speaking of what people are lusting after, that they can get them into their net! They use things formerly thought forbidden and sinful, displaying them as a carrot before the mule to lead him on. The bait is always placed before the person telling them what they want to hear... telling them, “Jesus wants you to have what you’re lusting after.” They are crafty, so they often speak in innuendos, in a subtle way, with a spiritual wink, signifying, “Are you getting my revelation?” They use statements like, “Jesus wants you to be *rich!*”...luring them into the net through their lusts and wantonness. Satan often tempts us not only through our needs but also through our greeds. Whatever it takes to get you into their net... that is what modern church growth declares.

Much of the church today seeks the salvation of souls by *a rush to the altar and a rush to conversion* for the sake of validating their church growth plan. Someone leads them in the sinner’s prayer, which you can’t find in Scripture. They shake their hand and pat them on the back and say, “Praise the Lord! You’re Born-Again! You’re A Christian Now!”

They never thought to think that repentance means a change of the way we think about God and our sins. They never thought to understand, that in conversion, there is a change of will, feeling, and way of living, in respect to God, His word and ways.

By The Foolishness Of Preaching

1Corin. 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

No one can convert a soul to God outside of the Holy Spirit and His word.

All we can do is to lead men to His word which speaks in converting the soul.

Jas 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

We become a help to God by showing our brothers the errors of their ways through the final authority the Scriptures.

Ps 19:7 The law (word) of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The word of God is perfect converting the soul of man.

Rom. 10:8-10 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The word preached causes faith to grow in the heart. It is hearing the word that causes faith to grow in the human heart and it is that faith which causes the person to come to

that saving faith in Jesus, becoming truly converted. The conversion of the soul comes through deep conviction which cannot be pushed and must be respected because it is God at work in the person through His word and the work of His Holy Spirit bringing fruition. True repentance comes about from the heart as it produces within a life change, a tangible evidence, first toward God and then toward others signifying that we have truly repented and have been delivered from our sins.

The Sin Of Covetousness Is The Root Of This Church

Lk. 3:8-11 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

Just like in the cast of the Rich Young Ruler where Jesus directly dealt with His sins of covetousness, we see John the Baptist addressing the same sin...*He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.*

Lk. 18:18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

The spiritual challenge from Jesus here is *to leave what separates you from Him* offering you a close spiritual relationship with Him. Idolatry can be anything that comes in between your spiritual relationship with Him.

Lk. 18:22-23 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

We need to come face to face with our sins to get totally free of them before God. We need to face His sobering truth...

Lk. 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Be Zealous And Repent

be zealous therefore, and repent...

Jesus not only says that we are to repent, here, but also to be zealously affected. We are actually to be excited about repenting to Him and returning to a right relationship with God. Zeal means a spiritual fervency found in the heart that is motivating us spiritually to receive Peace with God through His blood, the forgiveness of our sins, and the joy which comes through a renewed spiritual relationship with Him. The Bible speaks of the blessedness of repentance in turning us away from our sins.

Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

How special it is that Jesus cares so much about us that He takes the time to turn us around spiritually? Here above, it says that we are truly blessed of God in that He should turn us from our current state back unto an intimate relationship with Him.

Spirit Of Repentance

2Tim. 2:25b ...if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth...

The Spirit of repentance at work brings people face to face with the Truth of God's Word and their own spiritual conditions, and causes them to come clean and get right with God on His terms.

2Corin. 7:10a-11 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation... For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Many of these so called Christians get the *go-ahead* without their soul being truly saved. Have they really had the word of God working in them enough to bring about the contrast and conviction it takes to change a soul and deliver them from living any longer in darkness? I could call these the unconverted converts of the modern church growth model. Those who have been caught in *the net*, yet at the same time never really converted, but are asked to join the huge hangout centers across the nation who are saying that they are churches of the living God.

Fruits Worthy

Jesus never taught a *rushed conversion* and John the Baptist spoke of *the grappling soul* in its conviction bringing forth the true fruits of conversion.

Lk. 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves

Bring forth fruits *that are worthy* to match the worthiness of His forgiveness that one receives through repentance. This is speaking of sincerity from the heart in conversion, a person's heart in respect toward the Spirit of Repentance which is at work for this change of mind, feeling, and way of living.

In contrast with the true, they have accepted a counterfeit...

They have accepted *another gospel.*

They have been *misleading to meet their quotas for members and money.*

They believe in a gospel in which a person can *withhold their whole heart* from God.

They accept the *unconverted as converted* souls.

They *validate the worldliness of the unconverted in the church as normal and acceptable.*

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

If Any Man?

To him... with him... he with me... to him... he who has a listening ear... let him hear...

So then, it is apparent that Jesus seeks out *the individual* among them who will listen to Him. Jesus appeals to *those interested* in having a real relationship with Him. He *calls* them to His side *outside of this church* to a spiritual feast which He has prepared for them. Do we have this listening ear?!? Notice, He is calling while the man is still in this church. What kind of religious racket and noise is going on in that place? Obviously, all this commotion is to distract the man whom Jesus is calling, who needs to hear His voice.

As long as they are under the influence of this church they are *spiritually under this spirit of deception!* Only when those exodus from this church do they *come back into a direct relationship with Him*. Jesus is reaching out to the one who is listening, the one who is hungry and thirsty for Him.

Influences Of A Backslidden Church Upon The Soul

The Laodicean church has influenced their members to become lukewarm spiritually. They have taught religion that omits a right relationship with the Lord and Master of the church.

2Pet. 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

The tragedy here is that these people who are *following* these teachers are *listening to destructive people and destructive teachings* which have been *leading their souls away* from Christ and *has brought them into spiritual danger*. And, as the above verse states, these leaders are bringing upon THEMSELVES swift destruction.

They have *promoted* spiritual leadership which has taken the flock astray. Interesting is the fact that no one in this church has stood up for what was previously taught to them in their beginnings by the Apostles.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

These members have just flown right along into this spiritual blindness because they are their own worst enemy... *being self deceived*.

Where Is The Salt?

***Matt. 5:13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

Looking for salt in this church? Their beliefs are centered around their money and material wealth alone. They can do very little spiritually for those seeking spiritual substance.

***Jerm. 6:14** They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*

Here, the prophet notes the lack of spiritual substance to bring wholeness. So surveying the conditions of the Laodicean church today we see that it is more about impressing and persuading people rather than giving them spiritual substance which brings the Lord's healing to their spiritual life. In conclusion, to the church that we see in the Last Days... the alternative church model is the Philadelphia church (Mission church) which is true to God and is given His open door accommodation.

Overcoming The Influence Of The World And The Worldly Church

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

***2Corin. 6:17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...*

We are commanded to come out from and come apart from the world, its systems, its ways of doing things, and its whorish religion. Jesus says that He will only receive us IF we do come out from all of this. Separating ourselves unto Him alone is the necessary solution and cost of following Him; it being a separation that disinclines those who try to continually infiltrate us with that which causes us to error. We will certainly need His spiritual strength in this period before finding others who are faithful to God. Through our relationship with the Lord we are given His fellowship and can overcome all that we might have to endure to uphold His Gospel of Truth in the midst of these last days and church apostasy. He says that those who have this relationship with Him will stay free and clean and are the ones who will overcome and will receive His salvation. These are they that will receive their crowns.

***1Jn. 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

***Jn. 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

It is not hard or grievous to be an overcomer or a separated person if we are truly born of God and truly love Him.

1Jn. 5:3-5 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

It is only through our relationship with Him that we receive the spiritual strength to overcome through these times. Fix your eyes upon Jesus and let all of your priorities be ordered by Jesus and never lose sight of His lead and headship in your life!

Our Last Day Mission

Rev. 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Rev. 3:11 “Behold I come quickly!” (cross reference I Thess. 4: 13-18) The Philadelphia church is *the church of the Rapture!* Jesus has set up *the time frame* in which He will come... He tells us of that. When the Trumpet of God sounds, it will be *sudden* and *without warning*...

“quickly.” *Will you be prepared as His bride and ready for marriage?*

To assure that you *retain* what has been *sound doctrine* and *the foundation of His word in you*... to *protect yourself* and *your heart* from going astray... you must continue to listen to right teaching that will keep you *spiritually stable, anchored* and *grounded*... you must get under a ministry *which will assist you in building you up* and *encouraging you to continue in the faith once delivered*. The Lord warns us that in these last days Satan wants to steal your crown! That means Satan doesn't want you to finish *“in Christ.”* Satan's desires are that you apostate with the Laodicean church. He has already started this with many who have lost their way spiritually having once been connected to the Lord.

Find a mission church which loves His word and holds up His Name and get in it because protection is there however small the fellowship. The days are short and there is much to do for God in these last days.

The True Shining Beacon Called His Church

Matt. 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

This passage speaks to us as to being a shining beacon or lighthouse in spiritual darkness where men travel in peril and have no spiritual bearings about them any longer. We are living in time of perplexity and confusion. I believe as we shine our light to others they will catch a glimpse of our connection with Jesus and desire Him to become their Lord.

If we are faithful as a missionary ministry toward this endeavor I believe there are great rewards for us from Him.

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Discussion & Prayer Time

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