

The Doctrine of End Times pt3

Various Scriptures

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”-Revelation 3:6

What does it mean to “hear” what the Spirit is saying to the churches and why is it important to us?

Perceiving with the _____; Understanding and _____ the will of God so that we are in tune with advancing His kingdom. Matthew 13:15

Previous question:

Will the Holy Spirit be with us during the tribulation? Matthew 28:20; John 14:16, 26; Revelation 7:3-4 Answer: _____

Do you remember what the Holy Spirit does....

*Transforms our lives

* _____ us of sin

*Guides us in truth

*Empowers us to proclaim _____

*Gives us spiritual gifts

*Empowers us to worship

* _____ us

7 Lessons from 7 Churches cont'd:

#4 The angel of the church at Thyatira: Revelation 2:18-29

Thyatira was a city in the Lycus river valley located about halfway between the Pergamos and Sardis. Because of its location they had no natural defenses so the city was constantly being destroyed and rebuilt. It became a military outpost populated by Alexander the Great to guard Pergamos. It is believed that Lydia came from this city on business and was converted under Paul's ministry.

Thus says the Son of God the one whose eyes are like a fiery flame and whose feet like fine bronze.

Pros

Great works

Cons

Great corruption

Who was Jezebel? (Revelation 2:20)

1 Kings 16:31

Although this was not the same Jezebel in the Old Testament, this woman, in a similar fashion influenced others and drew them away from honoring the true and living God.

What does this letter tell us about the nature of God towards those who sin, continue in it, and His church? (Revelation 2:21-28)

Romans 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Galatians 6:9

What can the church today do to guard ourselves against this type of corruption?

1 John 4:1-6

#5 The angel of the church at Sardis: Revelation 3:1-5

Sardis was located in the Hermus river valley just northeast of Ephesus. Like the church in Ephesus, there were challenged in dealing with idols namely Artemis, the goddess of love and fertility enticed many to fall away. Sardis was also known for harvesting wool, dying it, and making garments from it.

Pros

Works

Good reputation

Cons

Spiritually dead

What are some attractive characteristics a church may have that makes them popular?

*Great _____

*Wonderful _____

*Attractive _____

How does a church become dead?

*Condoning and tolerating sin

*Evil deeds; evil desires, evil speech, evil thoughts, Unholy ambition and worldliness

Proverbs 21:10; Psalm 10:7; Matthew 15:19-20; Galatians 5:19-21

How can we prevent from becoming spiritually dead? (Revelation 3:2)

Matthew 26:40-41

*Be _____ Be _____

*Revive, Renew, Restore, Remember, Reflect on the Lord's grace and mercy...

Philippians 4:8

What would happen if they did nothing?

They would be _____ in their sin!

If you could speak to those believers in the church who are apathetic and are not truly glorifying God, what would you say?

In contrast to those who were spiritually dead in the church, who did Jesus point to?

*Those who have _____ defiled their _____. Zechariah 3:3-5; Ephesians 4:20-24

*Those who _____ with Him. 1 John 1:7; Galatians 5:16-26

What is their reward?

*They will be _____

*Clothed in _____

*Recorded in the Book of _____

*Acknowledged in the presence of _____ and His _____.

What would you do if you were a member of these two churches?

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -Romans 28-39