

## The Laodicean Apostasy In Today's Local Churches

**'Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into 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'. – Revelation 3:20,21**

The Lord Jesus Christ is by no means inside the 'Laodicean Church'. Christ does not come into the assembly; it is too late for that. Christ's knocking is not at the door of the unregenerate heart, but at the regenerated hearts, to cause them to repent and come out as witnesses against the apostate church. In these two verses the Lord Jesus Christ was no longer addressing the church. He was appealing to individual lost sheep within the Laodicean church.

'The doom of the Laodicean Church was sealed'. The Lord Jesus Christ is standing outside, at the door knocking for admittance into his own church.

The majority preach a Jesus, a gospel, and a spirit that does not originate from the Bible. The Apostle Paul feared that the minds of the Corinthians would be corrupted by such false preaching. Although the door of the Laodicean Church was closed to the Lord Jesus Christ of Holy Scripture, it was '**not**' closed to heresy and deception.

**'For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh... and this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words... beware lest any man spoil you with philosophy and vain deceit after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ...' - Colossians 2:1,4,8**

During His first advent, the Lord Jesus Christ was calling people out of Judaism (religion). Before the rapture of the saints, there will be an apostasy in organized Christendom. We are presently in the 'last of the last days'. Human philosophy seeks to reduce the fundamentals of Christianity from its own principles.

Man is depraved and cannot and will not come to the Lord Jesus Christ, unless He the sinner is first called in a true conversion experience, because of regeneration.

Arminian doctrine teaches that any man can come to the Lord Jesus Christ, when he cannot do so. An unregenerate heart is incapable of making a decision towards Christ. The general apostasy is here today and is preparing the way for the Antichrist. True Christians must separate themselves from organized religion and find fellowship with other sheep. The Lord Jesus Christ promised the overcomer in the Laodicean Church that He would grant him to sit with him in his throne; **Revelation 3:21**.

The Lord Jesus Christ overcame, the world, and religion and Christians must do the same. We are worse today than the pharisees were during Christ's first advent.

Never was the material wealth of ecumenical Christendom greater than today, never greater modern structures, more ecclesiastical machinery, more worldly trappings of entertainment and compromise. Surely it seems one can hear the boast of the Laodiceans 'we have need of nothing.' The truth is that the churches of today are full

of self-sufficiency. Absorbed in their material riches they were blind to their real condition of spiritual poverty. They were wretched, poor, blind, and naked, destitute of the riches of grace.

Truly obedient spirit filled Christians would not be involved in organized religion during this Laodicean apostasy. Majority of the local churches today are characterized by Laodicean apostasy today! Organized Denominationalism, is already falling short of the glory of God.

In the early New Testament Church, there were no Baptists, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Lutherans, etc. There should be no proper name given to the assembly of Christ, while in time, as the Lord is still building it and it is unfinished.

**COME OUT AND BE SEPARATE: DON'T BE DECEIVED!**