

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

Jesus Speaks to the Church Week of October 25, 2020 A.D.

The seven churches which are addressed by Jesus in Chapters 2 and 3 of the Revelation are churches which existed in Asia Minor (current day Turkey) at approximately 95 A.D. Just as Paul's letters still apply to the church today, so do the brief letters which are written here. In this lesson, we will study two of the three letters in Chapter 3 of the Revelation.

Read Revelation 3:7-13

1. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. To whom do these verses from Isaiah and the verse at Rev. 3:7 refer? Is there a relationship between David and Jesus? Is there a relationship between Jesus and (a) Israel? and (b) the church? Please explain.
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Jesus is the absolute sovereign of the universe. Nothing happens that Jesus does not command to happen or allow to happen."

Read John 10:7-9 and John 14:6

3. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Jesus is the only doorway to salvation and Jesus alone can open that door."
4. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "When a person dies without believing in Jesus for salvation, Jesus shuts the door to eternal life; and, that person is damned for eternity."
5. Read Matthew 7:21-23 and Revelation 3:8-9. Is there any teaching or application which these two passages share in common? If so, what? If not, then what is the teaching or application of each passage? Please explain your answer.

Read Revelation 3:14-22

6. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Lukewarm water is a compromise between hot water and cold water. Christians who compromise with the world make Jesus sick."
7. In your opinion, does the description of the church in Laodicea describe the current condition of the church in America? Please explain your answer.
8. Is self-sufficiency a good thing or a bad thing or a little of both? Please explain your answer.
9. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Unless I am viewing the events of my life (and also the events of the world) through the perspective and mind of Christ, I am spiritually blind; and, my life is not very pleasing to God."
10. Are the words of Jesus in verses 19 and 20 spoken (a) to believers and/or (b) to non-believers? Is the application or meaning of those words different depending on the salvation status of the listener? Please explain.
11. If you are a Christian, how intimate does Jesus want you to be with Him? How intimate do you want to be with Jesus? How is such intimacy possible? Please explain.
12. What message found in Rev. 3:14-22 speaks the most directly to you? What do you plan to do in response to that message?

Consider: If Jesus chose to die for us, how can we not choose to live for Him? You think about that. Amen.