

Bible Study

The Seven Churches Part 7 - Laodicea



Revelation 3:14

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and
Identification

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Laodicean = *people of the judgment*

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And from **Jesus Christ**, who is the **faithful witness**,
and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the
kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and
washed us from our sins in His own blood

Proverbs 14:5

A **faithful witness** will not lie...

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins**,
and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

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- And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse;
and He that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**,
and in righteousness **He doth judge** and *make war*.
- Revelation 19:13
- ...and His name is called The **Word of God**.
- Deuteronomy 31:26
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- John 12:48
- He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not **My words**,
hath one that **judgeth** him: the **word that I have spoken**,
the same **shall judge him** in the last day.
- John 12:49
- For I have not spoken of Myself;
but the **Father** which sent Me,
He **gave Me** a commandment,
what I should say, and **what I should speak**.

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- John 1:1
- In the beginning was the Word**,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:3
- All things were made by Him**;
and without Him was not any thing made that was made.
- Exodus 20:11
- For in six days the **LORD made heaven and earth**, the **sea**,
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Nehemiah 9:6

Thou, even Thou, art **LORD** alone;
 Thou hast **made heaven**, the heaven of heavens, with
all their host, the **earth**, and **all things that are therein**,
 the **seas**, and **all that is therein**,
 and Thou preservest them all;
 and the ***host of heaven worshippeth Thee***.

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 and neither cold nor hot, **I will spew thee out of My mouth**.

Revelation 14:7

Saying with a loud voice, ***Fear God***, and give glory to Him;
 for the **hour of His judgment is come**:
 and ***worship Him*** that **made heaven**, and **earth**,
 and the **sea**, and the fountains of waters.

Proverbs 16:6

By mercy and **truth iniquity is purged**:
 and by the ***fear of the LORD men depart from evil***.

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, the **truth**, and the life:
 no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1 Samuel 12:14

If ye will ***fear the LORD***, and ***serve Him***,
 and ***obey His voice***, and **not rebel**
 against the commandment of the LORD...

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Jeremiah 25:6	And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke Me not to anger with the <u>works of your hands</u> ; and I will do you no hurt.
Ecclesiastes 12:13	Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: <i>Fear God,</i> and <i>keep His commandments...</i>
Ecclesiastes 12:14	For <u>God shall bring every work into judgment,</u> with <u>every secret thing...</u>
1 John 2:1	My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an <u>advocate</u> with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous
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Psalms 39:3	My <u>heart</u> was <u>hot</u> within me , while I was musings the fire <u>burned</u> : then spake I with my tongue
Luke 24:32	And they said one to another, Did not our <u>heart burn</u> within us , while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the <u>scriptures</u> ?
Jeremiah 20:9	...His <u>word</u> was in mine <u>heart</u> as a <u>burning</u> fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.
Psalms 119:11	Thy <u>word</u> have I hid in mine <u>heart</u> , that I might <u>not sin</u> against thee.

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- 2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days**
perilous times shall come.
- 2 Timothy 3:5 **Having a form of godliness**,
but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye compass sea and land to **make one proselyte**,
and when he is made, ye make him
twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

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- Leviticus 18:28 That the land **spew** not **you out** also, ***when ye defile*** it,
as it **spewed out the nations** that were **before you**.
- Leviticus 18:29 For ***whosoever shall commit any of these abominations***,
even the souls that commit them **shall be cut off**
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- Mark 4:19 And the **cares of this world**,
and the **deceitfulness of riches**,
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choke the word, and it **becometh unfruitful**.

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Psalms 119:172	My tongue shall speak of Thy word : for all <u>Thy commandments are righteousness</u> .
Romans 1:17	...The <i>just</i> shall live by <u>faith</u> .
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Romans 7:24	O <u>wretched</u> man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
Romans 7:14	For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin .
1 Corinthians 15:19	If in this life only we have hope in Christ , we are of all men most <u>miserable</u> .
Romans 6:9	Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead <i>dieth no more</i> ; <u>death hath no more dominion over Him</u> .
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Ephesians 2:8	For <i>by grace are ye saved</i> through <u>faith</u> ; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Ephesians 2:9	Not of works, lest any man should boast.
Ephesians 2:10	For we are <i>His workmanship</i> , <i>created in Christ Jesus unto good works</i> , which <u>God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.</u>
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2 Peter 1:4	Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises : that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature , having <i>escaped the corruption that is in the world</i> through lust.
2 Peter 1:5	And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your <u>faith</u> virtue ; and to virtue knowledge ;
2 Peter 1:6	And to knowledge temperance ; and to temperance patience ; and to patience godliness ;
2 Peter 1:7	And to godliness brotherly kindness ; and to brotherly kindness charity .

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2 Peter 1:8	For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 1:9	But <i>he that lacketh these things is</i> <u>blind</u> , and <i>cannot see afar off</i> , and hath <u>forgotten that he was purged from his old sins</u> .
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Jude 1:24	Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling , and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy

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Genesis 3:6	...[Eve] took of the fruit thereof, and did eat , and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat .
Genesis 3:7	And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were <u>naked</u>
Job 24:7	They cause the <u>naked</u> to lodge <i>without clothing</i> , that they have no covering in the <u>cold</u> .
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Job 23:10 But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

1 Peter 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

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Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be
arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:
for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

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Philippians 3:9 And be found in Him,
not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law,
but that which is through the faith of Christ,
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Isaiah 61:10 ...my God; for He hath clothed me
with the garments of salvation,
He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness...

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Zechariah 3:3
Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments,
and stood before the Angel.

Zechariah 3:4
And He answered and spake unto those that stood before
him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments** from him.
And unto him He said, Behold,
I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee,
and **I will clothe thee with change of raiment.**

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Isaiah 54:4
Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed:
neither be thou confounded;
for thou shalt not be put to shame:
for ***thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth,***
and ***shalt not remember***
the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

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Jeremiah 31:34
...I will forgive their iniquity,
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Tephra Phrygia, a medical treatment center, made a tablet to crush and apply to **eyes**

1 Samuel 16:13
Then Samuel took the horn of oil,
and anointed him in the midst of his brethren:
and the Spirit of the LORD came upon...

John 16:8
And when [the Comforter] is come,
He will reprove the world of sin,
and of righteousness, and of judgment...

Ephesians 1:18
The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;
that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and
what the *riches of the glory* of His inheritance **in the saints**.

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Therefore the *showers have been withholden*,
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and **thou hadst a whore's forehead**,
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- Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
- Hebrews 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation
which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son,
despise not thou the chastening of the Lord,
nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him:
- Hebrews 12:6 For **whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth**,
and **scourgeth every son** whom He receiveth.
- Titus 2:14 [Christ] gave Himself for us,
that He might **redeem us from all iniquity**,
and **purify** unto Himself a peculiar people,
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- Acts 8:22 **Repent** therefore **of this thy wickedness**, and pray God, if
perhaps the *thought of thine heart may be forgiven* thee.
- Acts 26:20 ...they should repent and turn to God,
and do works meet for repentance.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 If **My people**, which are **called by My name**,
shall **humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek My face**,
and turn from their wicked ways;
then will I hear from heaven,
and will *forgive their sin*, and will *heal* their land.
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Colossians 4:16 And when **this epistle** is read among you, cause that it be
read also in the church of the Laodiceans;
and that ye **likewise read the epistle from Laodicea**.

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Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches
of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles;
which is Christ in you, the **hope of glory**:

Colossians 1:28 Whom we **preach, warning every man**,
and **teaching every man** in all wisdom;
that we may present **every man perfect in Christ Jesus**:

Colossians 1:29 Whereunto **I also labour, striving**
according to His working, which **worketh in me** mightily.

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Revelation 10:7 But **in the days** of the voice of the seventh angel,
when he shall begin to sound,
the **mystery of God should be finished**,
as He hath declared to His servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:18 And the **nations were angry**, and **Thy wrath is come**,
and the **time of the dead**, that **they should be judged**...

2 Corinthians 3:18 But **we** all, with open face **beholding** as in a glass the
glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image**
from glory to glory, even as **by the Spirit of the Lord**.

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Mark 14:22	And as they did <u>eat</u> , Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, <u>eat</u> : this is My body .
Mark 14:23	And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them: and they all <u>drank</u> of it.
Mark 14:24	And He said unto them, This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
John 6:56	He that <u>eateth My flesh</u> , and <u>drinketh My blood</u> , <u>dwelleth in Me</u> , and <u>I in him</u> .

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Galatians 2:20	I am crucified with Christ : nevertheless I live; yet not I, but <u>Christ liveth in me</u> : and the life which I now live in the flesh <u>I live by the faith of the Son of God</u> , who loved me, and gave Himself for me .

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Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**;
who for the joy that was set before Him **endured the cross**,
despising the shame, and is
set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them,
and ***judgment was given unto them***:
and I saw the **souls of them that were beheaded** for the
witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had
not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had
received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;
and they lived and **reigned with Christ** a thousand years.

Revelation 3:22

Closing

He that hath an ear,
let him ***hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches***.

Revelation 22:16

***I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you
these things in the churches.***
I am the root and the offspring of David,
and the bright and **morning star**.

2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more ***sure word of prophecy***;
whereunto ***ye do well that ye take heed***,
as unto a light that shineth in a dark place,
until the day dawn, and the **day star** arise in your hearts