

Laodicean

Colossians 2:1-5

1. For I would that you 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; 2. That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3. In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

Colossians 4:16 After this letter has been read among you, make sure that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.

Revelation 3:14-21

14. And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15. I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. 16. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue you out of my mouth. 17. Because *you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing*; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18. I counsel thee to buy of me *gold tried in the fire*, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20. 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*. 21. To him that overcomes 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. 22. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Persecution:

2Timothy 1:8 - be not ashamed...partake afflictions...power of God

2Timothy 2:3 - endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, and not entangle with the affairs of this life...

2Timothy 3:1-17 *Last Days...Perilous Times*

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2Timothy 4:18 If the world hate you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are they which are *persecuted* for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:29-30 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or bretheren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, *with persecutions*; and in the world to come eternal life.

Luke 6:22 Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, and when *they shall separate you* from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

John 15:18-21; 18 If the world hate you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. *If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you*; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21. But all these things will they do unto you for My Name's sake, because they know not Him that sent Me.

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

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: *for when I am weak, then am I strong*.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. 4. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and you know.

Romans 8:16-17-18 The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; *if so be that we suffer with Him*, that we may be also glorified together. 18. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:28-39-all things work out and nothing shall separate us from the love of God.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning *the fiery trial* which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13. But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of *Christ's sufferings*; that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Our Attitude:

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Romans 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Homework Reading:

2 Timothy 3&4

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4. Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with diverse lusts,

7. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. 10. But you hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11. Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12. *You, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.* 13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14. But continue you in the things which you hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom you hast learned them; 15. And that from a child you has known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Chap 4 1. I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; 2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5. But watch you in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry.

Romans 8:1-39 => *There is no condemnation, but we can't please God if we walk in the flesh, but we are heirs, joint-heirs with Christ, and we are more than conquerors through Him, and nothing shall separate us from the love of God.*

1. *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4. That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8. *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

9. *But you are not in the flesh*, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

10. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you.

12. Therefore, bretheren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13. For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.

14. *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

15. *For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear*; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**.

16. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

18. ***For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time*** are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19. For the earnest expectation of the *creature waits for the manifestation* of the sons of God.

20. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.

23. And not only they, but ourselves also, *which have the first fruits of the Spirit*, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24. *For we are saved by hope:* but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for?

25. But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26. *Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities:* for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27. And He that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28. **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.**

29. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified.

31. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32. He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

33. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifies.

34. Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yes rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36. As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37. Nay, in all these things *we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.*

38. ***For I am persuaded,*** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, *shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus.*