

# Revelation: Hope for the Last Days

Rev. 3:14-22 – November 18, 2021

## Review

### 1. Survey of the churches in Rev. 2-3

Church	Reference	Commendation	Condemnation
Ephesus	Rev. 2:1-7	Good works, endurance, discernment	Departed from first love
Smyrna	Rev. 2:8-11	Faithfulness in persecution	-
Pergamum	Rev. 2:12-17	Some faithfulness in persecution	Idolatry, false teaching, immorality
Thyatira	Rev. 2:18-29	Some love, faith, service, endurance	Idolatry, false teaching, immorality
Sardis	Rev. 3:1-6	Worthy remnant kept clean	Hypocrisy, incomplete works
Philadelphia	Rev. 3:7-13	Good works, endurance, faithfulness	-
Laodicea	Rev. 3:14-22		

### 2. Rev. 3:10-11 and the Rapture (The End, Mark Hitchcock, p. 158-159)

- The Lord promises to “keep you from” the time of testing
- The Lord promises to keep his people from the “hour of testing”
- The time of testing “will come upon the whole world”
- The Lord tells us how this deliverance will happen – “I am coming quickly”

### 3. Question: What happens to babies and children at the Rapture? (The End, p. 193-194)

## The Letter to the Church in Laodicea

### 1. The City & the Church (3:14a)

### 2. The Correspondent (3:14b)

### 3. The Concern (3:15-17)

4. The Command (3:18-19) – Buy three things:

- \_\_\_\_\_ refined in the fire so that you can become \_\_\_\_\_
- white \_\_\_\_\_ to wear so that you can cover your...
- \_\_\_\_\_ to put on your eyes so you can \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Counsel (3:20-22)

- Christ's challenge to \_\_\_\_\_ (v20)
- "I will give the right to sit with me on my throne" (v21-22)

### Timeless Lessons for the Church

1. Material wealth can be \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Jesus invites his children to have \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Jesus invites \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship with Him!

### Next Steps

- I choose to embrace God's \_\_\_\_\_
- I choose to \_\_\_\_\_ from self-sufficiency
- I choose to \_\_\_\_\_ passionately

### Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe your relationship with Christ today (cold, hot, or lukewarm)? Why would you choose that description?
2. What do you want your relationship with Christ to be?
3. What do you need to do to change that condition if need be?