

**“Warning”
How to Overcome in the End**

Dismantling of America / Dismantling of our Families

Hot Topics (government, gender, abortions, Sex Trafficking)

Matthew 7: 13–27 NKJV

The Narrow Way

13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

2 ways – Few or many

2 Animals – sheep and wolves

2 Fruits – good and bad vs.

1. Live out your purpose in Christ.

2 Peter 1: 3

Live out the purpose of their lives in Christ He warns us to beware of false teachers – Sheep in wolves clothing and harmful influences awho claim to be believers, but present a false version of Christianity. And, Peter calls on all Christians to eagerly watch and wait for the return of the Lord.

2. Confirming One's Calling and Election

3 HIS DIVINE POWER has given us **EVERYTHING** we need for a **GODLY LIFE** through our **KNOWLEDGE** of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. **4** Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Matters of the Heart

5 For this very reason make every effort to add to your faith - goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; **6** and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; **7** and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, (Abound) they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

3. Make every effort to remember these things:

Peter is Approaching Death

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,

14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

4. Jesus Letter to the 7 Churches / Examine

(10-11) John is commanded to write.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

(14-16) John describes Jesus.

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Letters to the seven churches

- Jesus addresses each congregation.**
- Jesus describes the condition of the church.**
- A general exhortation to all Christians & Churches.**
- A promise of reward**

1. The Loveless Church Ephesus

“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Remember:

1. Where you have fallen

**2. Repent and do (outward Action – proof of repentance)
the first works**

3. Or I will come quickly and remove the lampstand

To him who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches, to him who over comes, I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

2. The Persecuted Church - Smyrna

“I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Said, to him who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches, to him who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.

3. The Compromising Church – in Pergamos

“I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

But I have a few things against you, because you have there, those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Thus, you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Proud authority over people Repent or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Said, to him who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches, to him that overcomes I will give hidden manna to eat and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives.

4. The Corrupt Church – in Thyatira

“I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. In-deed I cast her into a sickbed. I will kill her children with death and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the mind and hearts and I will give each one of you according to your works.

But if you don't have this doctrine – and you haven't know the depths of Satan

I will put no other burden upon you. Hold fast what you have until I come.

He who overcomes and keeps my works until the end, to him I will give power over nations.

5. The Dead Church – in Sardis

“I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, But you are dead.

Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before the God

Remember

1. How you received and heard

2. Hold fast and repent

3. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know the hour I will come. You have a few names who have not defiled their garments. They shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy

He who over comes shall be clothed in white garment and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life. For I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. to him who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches

6. The Faithful Church – in Philadelphia

Jesus holds the keys. “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Behold I come quickly

**Hold fast what you have, that no one can take your crown
He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple
of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New
Jerusalem, which comes down from heaven from My God.
And I will write him a new name.**

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7. The Luke Warm Church – in Laodicea

These things say's the AMEN. The Faithful and True Witness the Beginning of the Creation of God.

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— (18-20) What Jesus wants the church of Laodicea to do.

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

8. The Love Church – At Church 212

“I know your works. What are they?”

Remember: Church in Ephesus?

1. I know your works, Where have you fallen?

2. Repent and do the “first works”

They Worshiped God Acts 18:7

They Believed Acts 18: 7

Instructed in the Way of the Lord. Acts 18:24

Fervent in Spirit, spoke boldly. Acts 18:26

They were Baptized with water and the Spirit. Acts 19

Possessed a great spiritual hunger Acts 18:20

They enjoyed rich fellowship among the brethren. Acts 18:27

They had eagerness to repent and to receive what God has for them. Acts 19: 1-6

They Loved the Word of God. Acts 19:8

They sacrificed their religious reputation for Jesus. Acts 19:9

They were committed to applying God's word to their lives. Acts 19:10

They were receptive to the Power of God and to the Gifts of the Spirit. Acts 19:11 & 12

They Loved Jesus and the wonder working power associated with His name. Acts 19:17

They were quick to confess their sin and turn from their evil works. Acts 19:18

They severed all connections with a Pagen past at great personal cost. Acts 19:19

The word of God grew mighty and prevailed Acts 19:20

They were publicly persecuted for the sake of Christ. I Cor. 15:32

They were faith-filled. Eph. 1:15

They were known for their love of their brethren. Eph. 1:15

Examine your spiritual standing with God:

- **Are you hungry for the things of God?**
- **Are you wholehearted in your faith?**
- **Is there anything holding you in slavery to sin?**
- **What do you do to listen to the voice of God?**
- **Repent – turn around (1 John 1:9)**

As you pray, spend time being silent so that you can open your heart to hear God's message for you.