

LET THE CHURCH SAY *AMEN*

More than a Response —
A Return to Christ

REVELATION 3:14,20

WE ARE
BUILDING PEOPLE
BUILDING COMMUNITY
BUILDING THE KINGDOM
THROUGH CHRIST



TRUTH



PRESENCE



PROTECTION



POWER

BEHOLD,
I STAND AT
THE DOOR
AND KNOCK.

REVELATION 3:20

**The church can maintain
religious activity
*while losing intimacy with
Christ.***

Revelation 3:14, 20

"These things saith the Amen..."

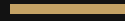
*"Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock..."*

They were still having church...

*while Jesus stood outside
knocking.*



*"You can have church activity
without true intimacy."*



The Church of Laodicea

Laodicea Was:

- Wealthy
- Organized
- Influential
- Comfortable
- Active...

But spiritually disconnected.

Why This Letter Matters

This letter was written:

- First to leadership
- Then to the church

Leadership sets:

- Atmosphere
- Doctrine
- Direction
- Culture

*"If leadership loses dependence
on Christ,
eventually the people
normalize His absence."*

What "Amen" Means

"Amen" Means:

- So be it
- It is true
- I agree

But Jesus calls Himself...

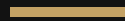
"THE AMEN"

The Amen Is

- Ultimate truth
- Ultimate authority
- God's final word
- The faithful and true witness



*"Amen is what we say...
but **THE AMEN** is who He is."*



The Modern Church Danger

We can:

- Preach powerfully
- Sing skillfully
- Build effectively
- Grow numerically...

While resisting:

- Surrender
- Correction
- Intimacy
- Dependence on Christ

*"Emotional agreement
is not the same thing
as spiritual surrender."*

The Diagnosis

They said:

"We are rich and have need of nothing."

But Jesus called them:

- Poor
- Blind
- Naked
- Miserable

*"Self-sufficiency
slowly removes
dependence on God."*

The Remedy

Jesus Offers:

1

**Gold Tried
in the Fire**

2

**White
Garments**

3

**Eye
Salve**

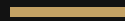
Gold Tried in Fire

Gold Represents:

- Purified faith
- Tested character
- Spiritual substance
- Eternal treasure



*"Comfort can conceal
what hardship exposes."*



*"Some churches are rich
financially
but bankrupt spiritually."*

White Garments

White Garments Symbolize:

- Righteousness
- Purity
- Holiness
- Acceptance before God

*"You can impress people publicly
while remaining spiritually
uncovered privately."*

Eye Salve

**The city was known for eye
medicine...**

yet spiritually blind.

*"The most dangerous
blindness
is blindness that thinks
it can already see."*

Christ the Creator

John 1

"In the beginning was the Word..."

Colossians 1

"By Him were all things created..."

***"By Him all things
consist."***

Everything is held together by Christ.

*"The church does not hold
itself together.*

THE AMEN holds it together."

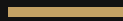
*"Any church that removes Christ
from the center
eventually collapses under the weight
of its own self-reliance."*

*"Behold,
I stand at the door
and knock..."*

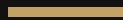
Revelation 3:20

**Jesus was not knocking
on the world's door.**

*He was knocking
on the church's door.*



*"The greatest danger
is not persecution outside the church...
but Christ being excluded
inside the church."*



When the Amen Returns

Worship *performance* → **presence**

Preaching *information* → **transformation**

Leadership *ego-driven* → **Spirit-led**

Church *routine* → **relationship**

When The Amen Returns

- Peace
- Discernment
- Healing
- Revival
- Unity
- Hunger
- Authority

*"No amount of production
can substitute for
Presence."*

*"The safest church
is the church
where Jesus is still Lord."*

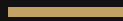
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"Say amen."

It is:

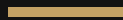
"WELCOME THE AMEN."

Let the Church Say Amen To...

- Repentance before performance
- Presence over routine
- Surrender over self-sufficiency
- Truth even when truth corrects
- Restoring Christ to the center again



*"They had church...
but they lost intimacy."*



"Jesus was still knocking."

LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN...

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...

**LET THE CHURCH
OPEN THE DOOR.**

Revelation 3:20