

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## Chapter 3:14-22

The last period in church history: the period of Apostasy.

- Apostasy: to \_\_\_\_\_ or to defect.
- Whenever a person abandons the Christian faith, we say they have committed apostasy.

What led to this period of apostasy:

1. The industrial revolution.
2. In 1859 Darwin published the book, "The Origin of Species", which started the whole evolution theory.
3. Humanism
  - *Humanism* is the belief that human beings are the ultimate standard by which to judge all things.
  - *Humanism* rejects faith, believing that it is up to humans to find the truth as opposed to seeking it through revelation, mysticism, tradition **or anything else that is not supported by scientific evidence.**
  - *Humanism* gave rise to "Liberal Theology" within the Protestant Church.

The basics of "*Liberal Theology*":

- It rejects all miraculous events in the bible.
- It rejects the idea that the bible is inerrant in its original language.
- It doesn't believe that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin and is the son of God.
- It denies that the fall of Adam brought spiritual death upon mankind.

Neo-Orthodox Theology doesn't teach that the Bible is the Word of God; it teaches that the Bible "**CONTAINS**" the Word of God.

An "*Evangelical*" is someone who believes in the five fundamental doctrines of Christianity.

1. The Bible is inspired by God, and is inerrant in its original language.
2. Jesus was born of a virgin.
3. He was the Son of God.
4. He died for our sin.
5. He was resurrected by God, and is coming back again.

This period of church history is represented by the church of Laodicea.

- *Laodicea: The rule of the people or in other words democracy.*

Vs 14 Jesus is the origin, the Source, the Creator of the revelation of God.

- He is the Amen, which means He is truth.
- He is the faithful and true witness.
- Through His life, death, burial and resurrection He showed us God's love, mercy and justness.
  - The Apostate Church is what allows the Anti-Christ to rise to power.
  - The Apostate Church is neither hot nor cold.
  - They don't have a burning zeal for Jesus or His Word.
  - Neither do they repudiate Christ or the Bible.
  - They are lukewarm Christians.
  - Spue: to vomit.

Vs 17 reveals the root cause of Liberal Theology which has caused so many churches to commit apostasy:

- They think they have need of \_\_\_\_\_.
- They have no idea that they are SPIRITUALLY wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.
- The things that Jesus tells them to buy are priceless. No one can afford them.
- Jesus has purchased those things for us.

**It is up to each individual to open the door of their heart.**

Rev. 3:14-22      2 Thess. 2:3    Eph 3:17    Col. 1:15-16    Is. 55:1-2