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God has brought our church on a six-month journey through this little NT book written to churches just like ours that existed two thousand years ago. God is using this old _____ letter to guide us through these perilous last days of the church age (2 Tim. 3:1) as it guided them. The content of Colossians is key to our success personally and for us to be a vibrant church for God today. Before we depart this timely study of Colossians, we will seek to bring closure by looking at some of the key things we've seen on our journey.

CONCLUSION TO COLOSSIANS – Col. 4:16, 18

I. Living in Laodicea – v. 16

- The church of Laodicea is mentioned _____ times in Colossians and the need for this letter to be read in Laodicea. The churches at Colosse and Laodicea were doing well – Col. 1:3-5, 2:1, 4:13-15.
- Just _____ years later (90AD) they were living too well in **historical Laodicea** and Jesus had candid words for them and for the last church period known as **spiritual Laodicea** – Rev. 1:10, 19; 3:14-22.

A _____ Creator and Bible (v. 14; Ecc.12:1; 1 Tim. 6:20; Jer. 23:29) =

A scattered lukewarm Christianity (v. 14a, 15-16; Pr. 18:1) =

Rich, increased with goods, in need of _____ (v. 17; 1 Tim. 6:10, 17-18) =

Gold, white raiment, eye salve (Ps. 19:8-10; Rev. 19:8; Eph. 5:15) =

II. Seven Keys to Navigating Laodicea (*from Colossians*)

1. Learn God's will for your life and care about what He thinks most – 1:10-11, 4:12; Ps. 139:1-4, 17-18.
2. Understand Jesus Christ is _____ and foremost in all things (*salvation, creation, government, and His church*)...no matter what anyone says or how things may appear – 1:12-19; Dan. 2:20-21.
3. You are _____ and supernatural in Jesus Christ. He is all you need – 1:20-22, 2:9-15, 3:11.
4. Our enemy works against us _____ **the church** through enticement, vain philosophies, and deceit...and **inside the church** through man-made ordinances and religiousness – 2:4-8, 16-23.
5. Always keep your eternal home in mind and _____ on eternal things – 3:1-4, 1:23-29; Rom. 8:31.
6. _____ death every day to those old sinful habits and desires (*your old man*) by putting them off and putting on the new creature that you are in Christ – 3:5-17; 1 Cor. 15:31; 2 Cor. 4:16, 5:17.
7. Whatever your God given roles (*husband, wife, child, father, servant, master*) or giftedness are in this world, see that you fulfill them by God's grace and strength through _____ – 3:18-4:17.

III. Final Words – v. 18

- Paul wrote the salutation of Colossians with his own _____ (v. 18a) =
- *Remember my bonds* (v. 3, 18b; Php. 1:12-14) =