Collyrium

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (Rev 3:18-20)

Many Bible scholars have used the seven churches in the book of revelation as symbolic of the various Church ages. Laodicea being the very last Church of the age. I do not necessarily hold to that view, but will not contend with it either. This Church is rich and thinks it has need of nothing, yet Christ calls them poor, blind and naked. The city of Laodicea had a famous medical school and it produced a then renowned eye-salve known as collyrium. Christ is using a metaphor here to tell the Laodiceans that they need treatment for their optical condition. A blind man cannot see where he is going. A man who has no oil for his lantern cannot see where he is going in the darkness. Both are effectively blind men stumbling in the dark. This is not a condition which indicates a soul that will be saved, but one that is still lost. In our times we are seeing so many things that Christ warned us about fulfilled right before our eyes. Yet few understand the signs of the times. They are not looking as Christ warned us and as he and his Apostles so many times told us; Watch and Pray.

Why are so many Christians not watching? I will tell you. Because of a false gospel that is being preached in earnest that says you can mumble a few words, get baptized and that is all you have to do to get saved. There is no need to follow Christ's commandments, according to this new infernal doctrine. So when Christ said to watch, they don't. They have been taught that those words of Jesus are just suggestions. But I say to each of you that if he tells us to know the times and the seasons, we should know them. There are many parables and verses of scripture that shows that a key determinant to those who gain entry into the kingdom is an eye that is open and a heart that knows God's words and the prophesies of his coming. Why is that?

A real Christian will long for the coming of Christ and take Jesus at his word. They will not
dilly-dally around about the things that God wants him or her to do. He or she is not going to
wait around for divine Chastisement to hit them before they start doing the things Christ has so
clearly laid out in his word. Watching is a sign of spiritual love and affection as well as a desire
to leave this world for which no Christian should have undo love.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world,
the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and
the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the
world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for
ever. (1Jn 2:15-17)

In short watching and praying are evidences of genuine salvation rather than an onerous
conditionality of it. If you really believe the gospel and that Christ is the Messiah you will do as
he commands. Thus, in this respect it is the issue of real saving faith, verse the dead faith of the
Laodicean Church. Here the issue is also one of love. It is an issue of which the Laodiceans
failed, being lukewarm in their love for Christ. This is also evidenced by their blindness which
is always followed by the unwillingness to obey Christ’s commandments.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that
loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to
him. (Joh 14:21)

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his
commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his
commandments are not grievous. (1Jn 5:2-3)

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is
not in him. (1Jn 2:4)

In today's modern religious facilities that have taken upon themselves to name themselves
Churches I always ask, 'where is the love, compassion and desire for holiness'? As I watch
millions of alleged Christians support wars and violence throughout the world I shake my head
as the results of their actions make it plain which spiritual force they are really serving. Around
the world Christians are being murdered, slaughtered, beaten and burned as a direct result of a
world wide military campaign supported by large swaths of American Christians. Their lack of
love and discernment has done enormous damage to genuine Christians the world over. Their
actions have made it nearly impossible to preach the gospel in many places in the world. They
have fallen under a delusion that if they had really known Christ's commandments and known
the prophetic signs of the times, they would never have made such fundamental spiritual errors
and not fallen so deeply in love with the end time world system.

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain
upon the earth. (Rev 18:24)

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the
martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (Rev 17:6)

Rather than doing as Christ preached and sending in Bibles and Missionaries, they went into the
ballot box and voted to send cruise missiles and killer drones instead, understandably inflaming
millions of Muslims who more and more are looking on Christianity as their mortal foe, and
they have the corpses of their dead relatives and friends to prove it.

Do you get angry when I quote a verse like that and refer it to America? To quote a famous Blues star's song, I have to ask, 'Who Do You Love'? Where are your true loyalties. Is it America first, or Christ? Who do you love, Christ or the world? What are you going to do when she turns on you and tells you to bow down, worship and image, take a mark or be killed?

In the Church of Laodicea I have always found it interesting that Christ had to stand outside of the Church door and knock in order to gain entry! Christ's saw their religion as nauseating and as a result he was about to vomit them out of his mouth.

In his hour blindness whether spiritual as in the Laodicean Church or because of failed lanterns, as in the case of the five foolish virgins is a condition that must be corrected if one is to see life eternal. These are days of incredible and increasing deception and if you cannot see that, you are among the deceived.

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