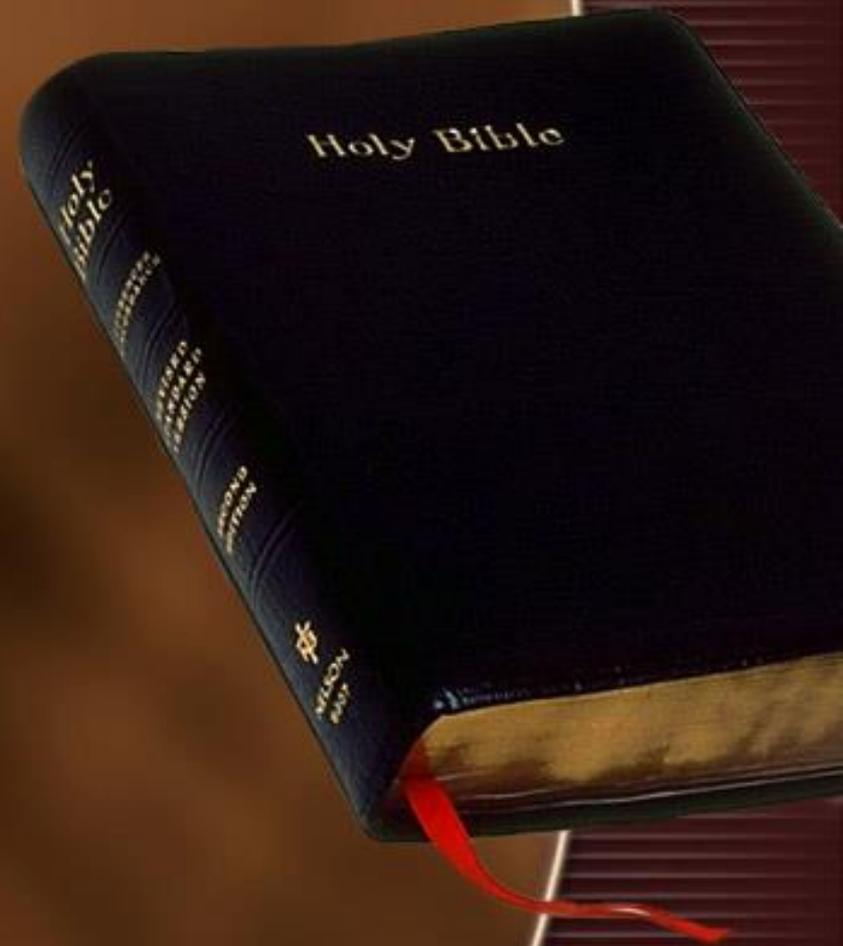




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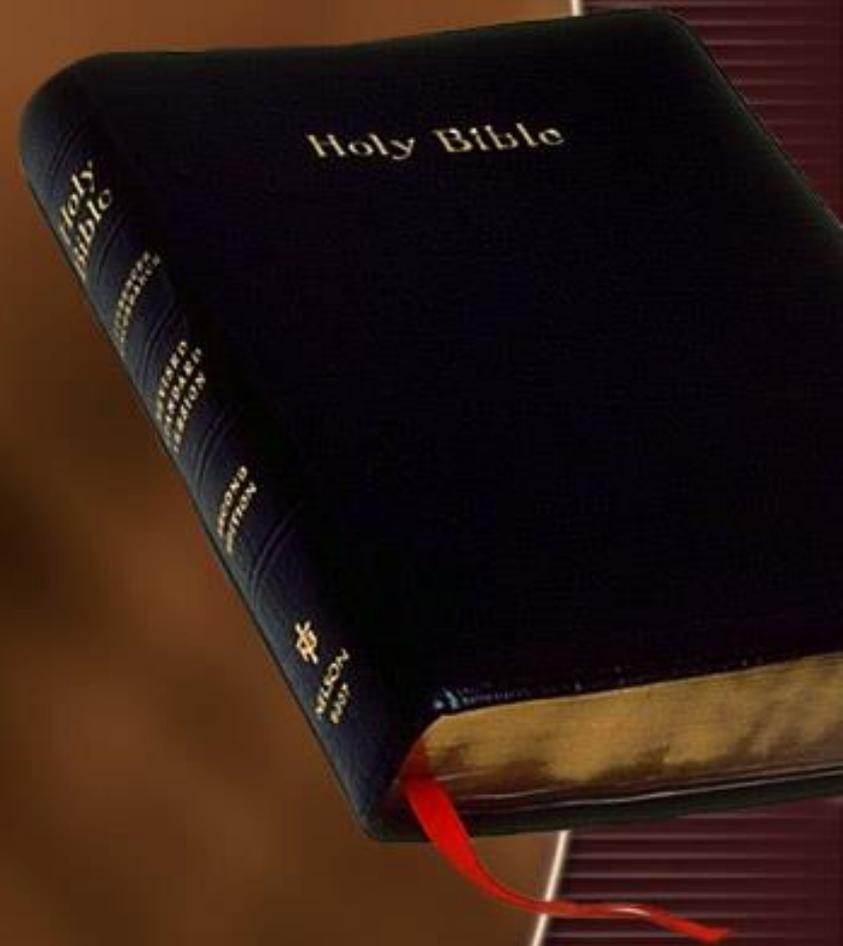
THE REMEDY TO LAODICEA





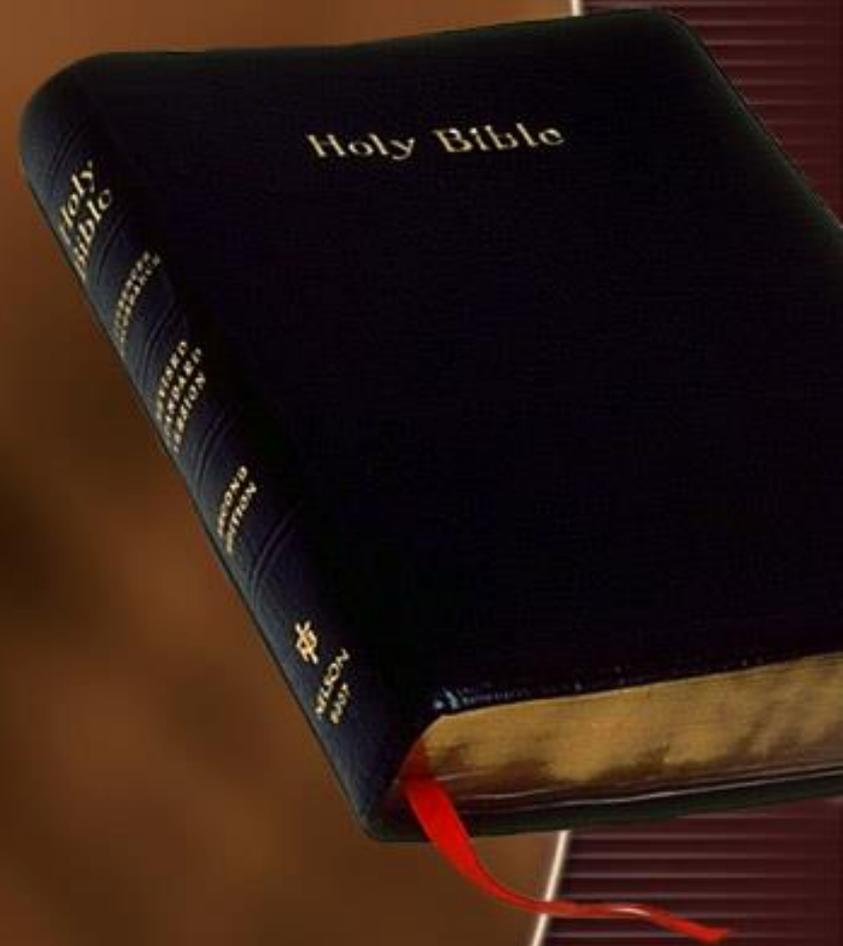
Jer. 2:13

For my people have
committed two evils;
they have forsaken me
the fountain of living
waters, [and] hewed
them out cisterns,
broken cisterns, that can
hold no water.



SINS OF THE PEOPLE:

1. Forsaking
fountains of living
waters
2. Hewing out
broken cisterns

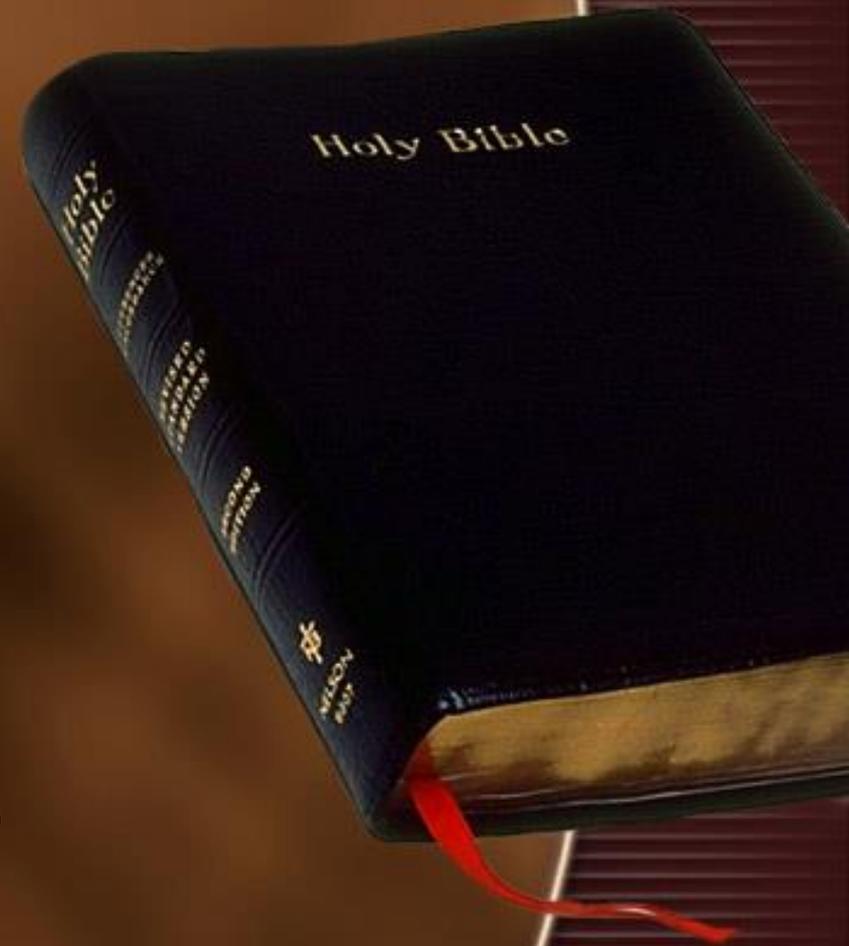




Is. 59:1,2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that he will not hear



The Seven Churches

1. Ephesus – Apostolic Church (31-100 AD)
2. Smyrna – Church persecuted by pagan Rome (100-313 AD)
3. Pergamos – Apostate Church in the time of Constatine (313-538 AD)
4. Thyatira – Early Medieval Church (538-1517 AD)
5. Sardis – Reformation Church (1517-1798 AD)
6. Philadelphia – Millerite Movement (1798-1844)
7. Laodicea – A people being judged (1844-2nd Coming)

Acts of The Apostles p. 583.3

The names of the seven churches are symbolic of the church in different periods of the Christian Era. The number 7 indicates completeness, and is symbolic of the fact that the messages extend to the end of time, while the symbols used reveal the condition of the church at different periods in the history of the world.

{AA 585.3}

LAODICEA

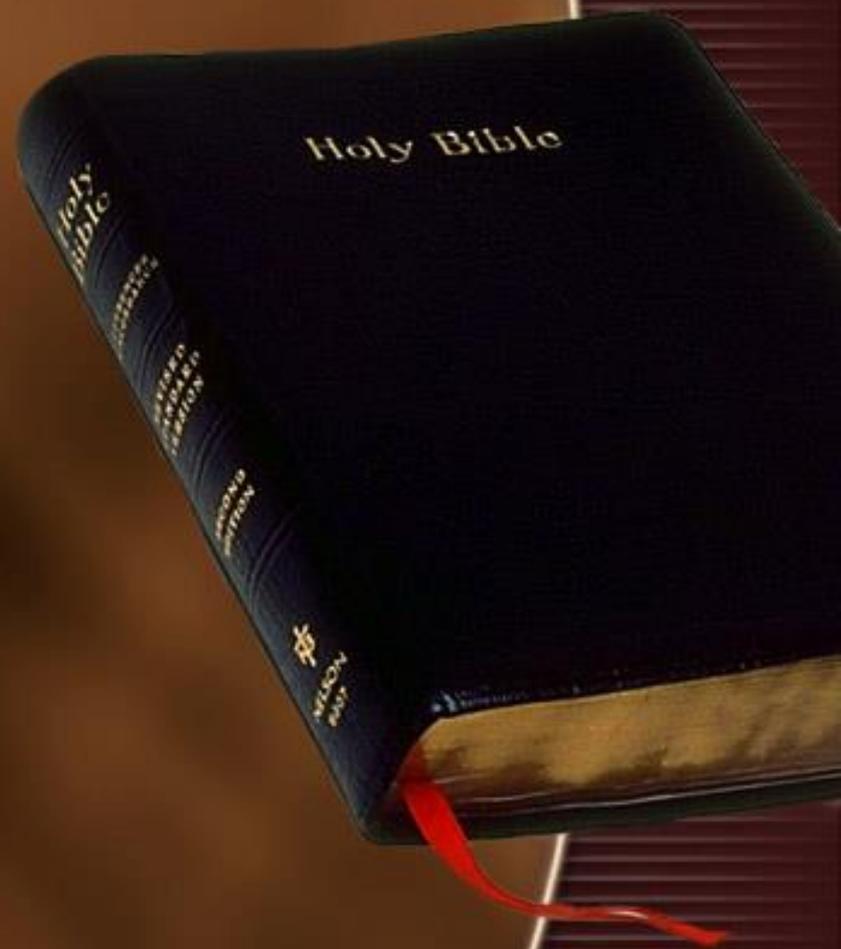
Laodicea means judging the people.





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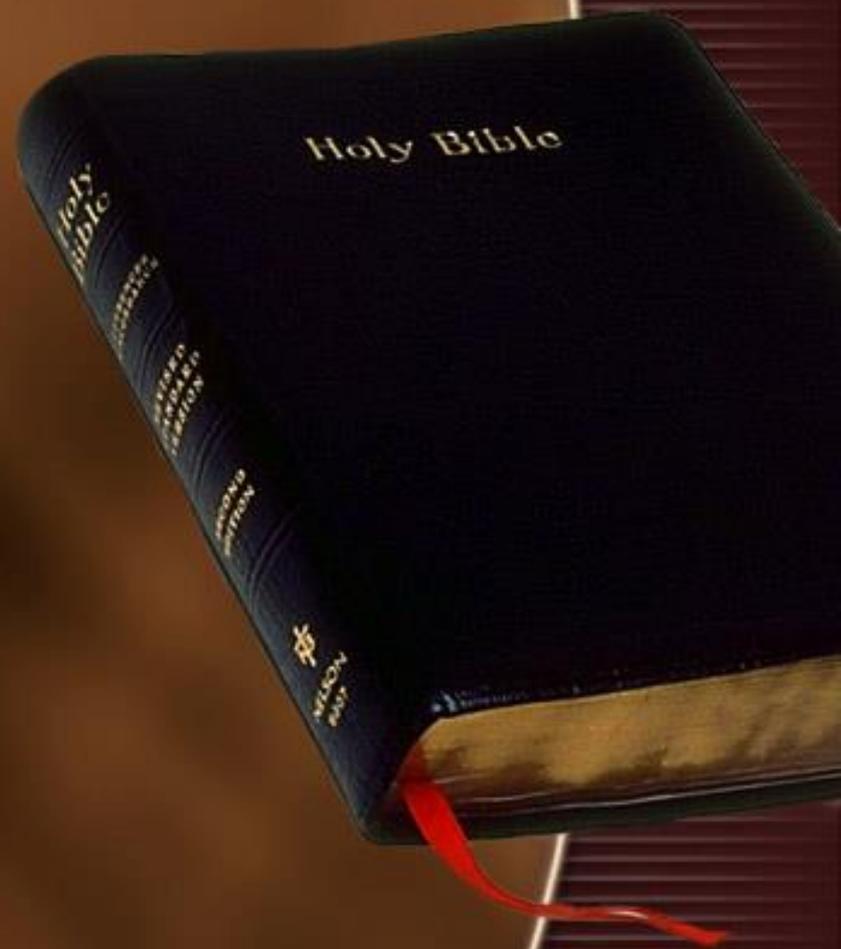
And unto the angel of
the church of the
Laodiceans write;
These things saith the
Amen, the faithful and
true witness, the
beginning of the
creation of God;





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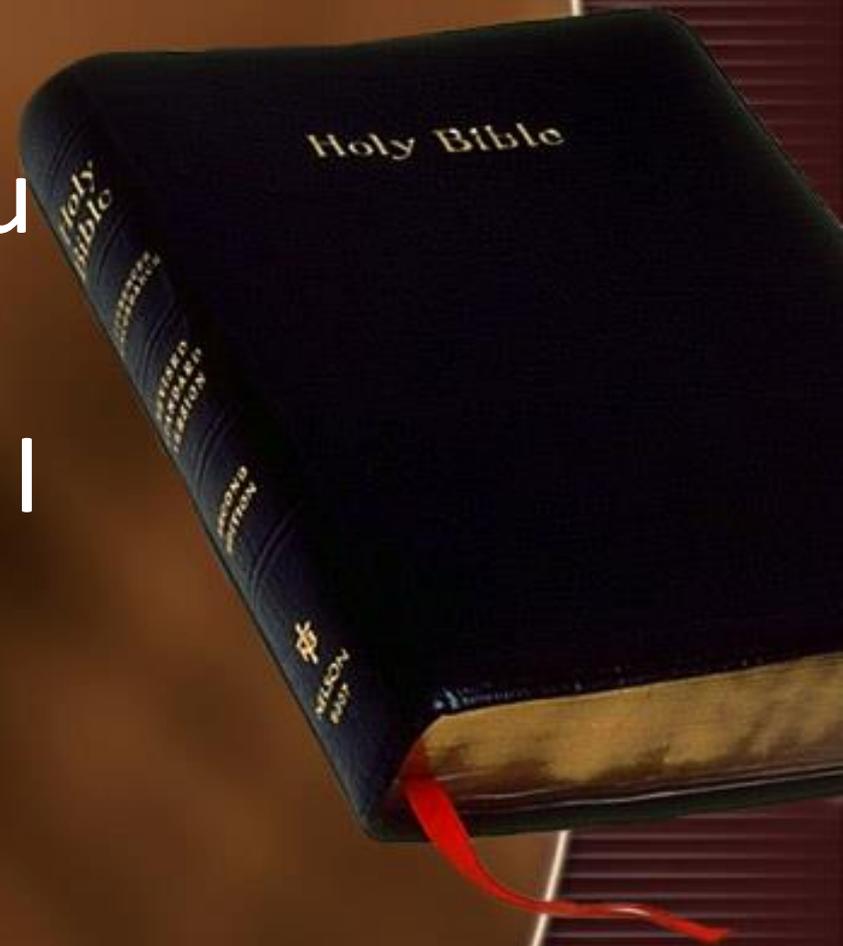
I know thy works,
that thou art
neither cold nor
hot: I would thou
wert cold or hot.





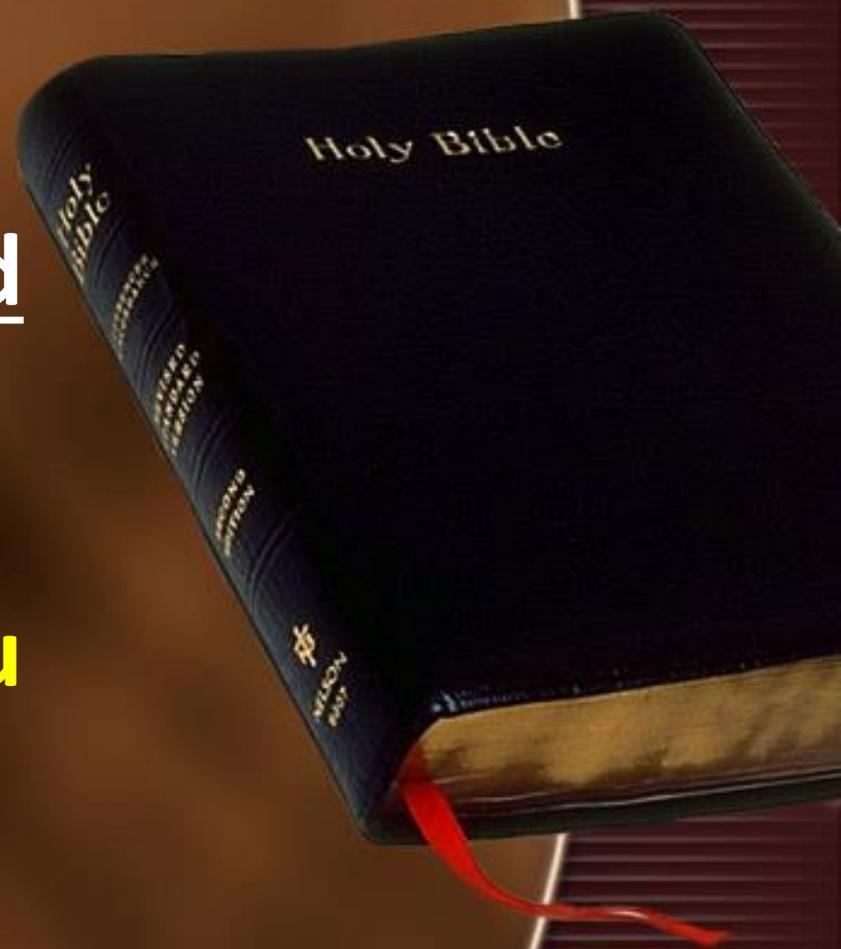
Rev. 3:16

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.





Rev. 3:17

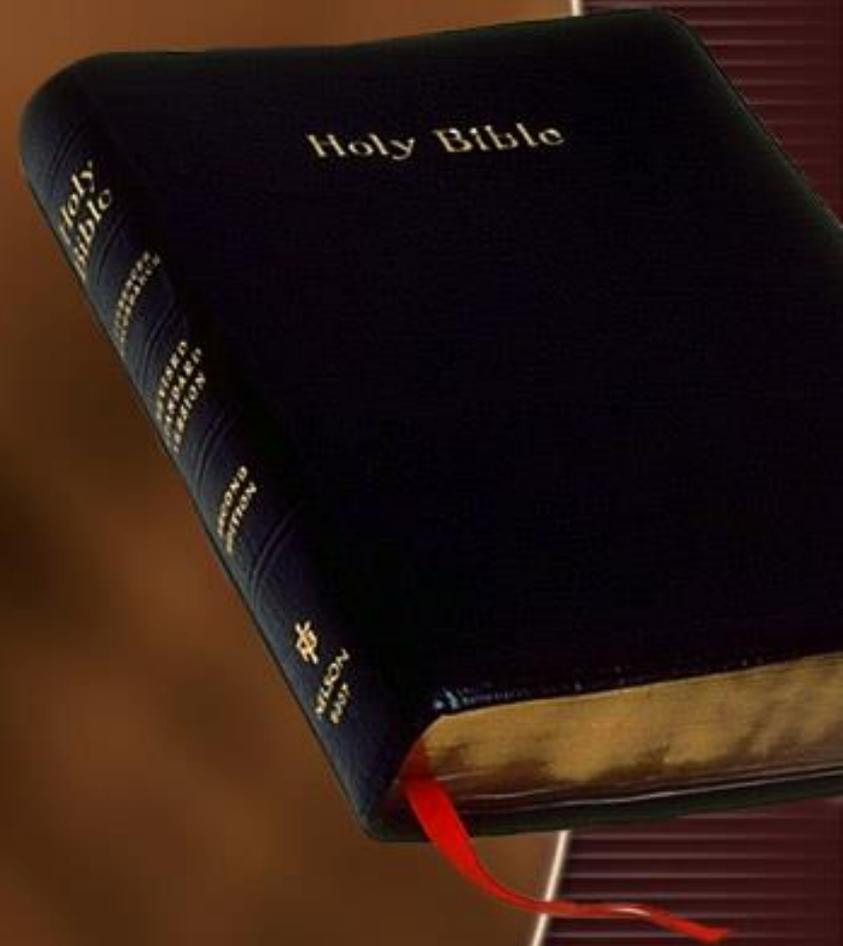


Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **knowest not that thou art wretched**, and **miserable**, and **poor**, and **blind**, and **naked**:



Rev. 3:18

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.



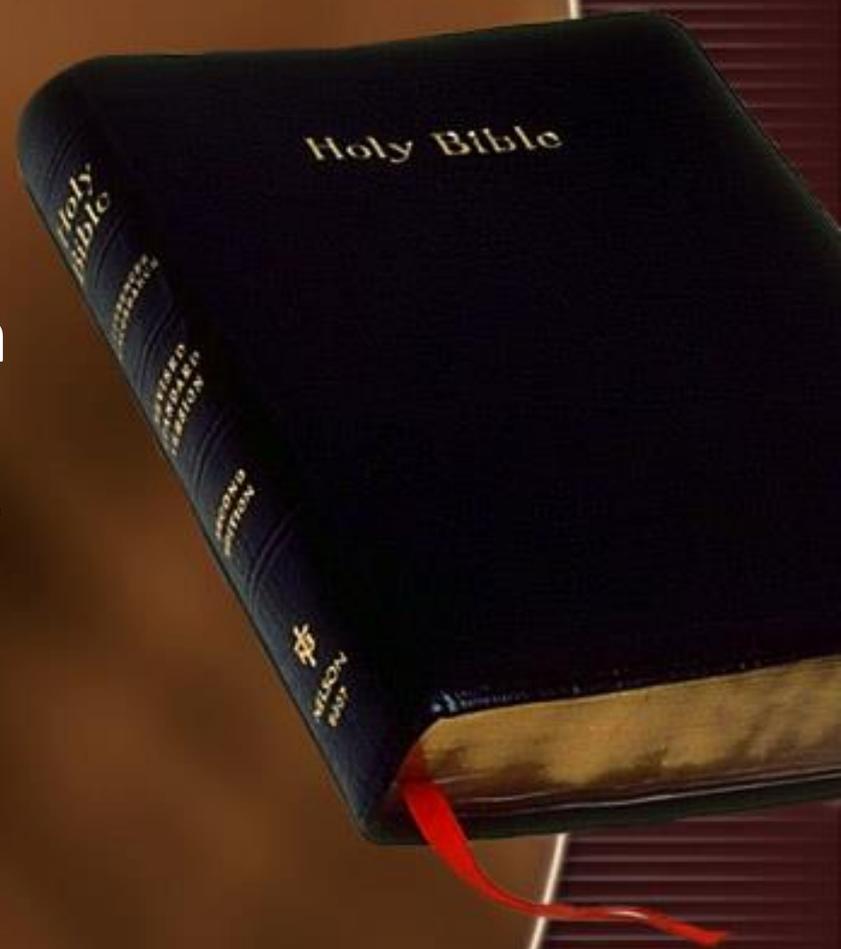
Gospel workers P. 13.3

God's ministers are symbolized by the seven stars, which He who is the first and the last has under His special care and protection. The sweet influences that are to be abundant in the church are bound up with these ministers of God, who are to represent the love of Christ. The stars of heaven are under God's control. He fills them with light. He guides and directs their movements. If He did not, they would become fallen stars. So with His ministers. They are but instruments in His hands, and all the good they accomplish is done through His power. {GW 13.3}



Rev. 1:20

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.



Laodicean Message for Adventists.

The message to the Laodicean church is highly applicable to us as a people. It has been placed before us for a long time, but has not been heeded as it should have been. When the work of repentance is earnest and deep, the individual members of the church will buy the rich goods of heaven. [Revelation 3:18 quoted.] Oh, how many behold things in a perverted light, in the light in which Satan would have them see. {The Review and Herald, December 15, 1904, 7 bc 961.3}

Application of Laodicean Message.

The message to the Laodicean church is applicable to all who have had great light and many opportunities, and yet have not appreciated them

(RH March 11, 1902). {7BC 961.5}

Professors but Not Doers.

The Laodicean message applies to all who profess to keep the law of God, and yet are not doers of it. We are not to be selfish in anything. Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ. If it is not, we shall hear the terrible words, "I know you not"

(RH Oct. 17, 1899). {7BC 962.1}

Rebuke

Many are Laodiceans, living in a spiritual self-deception. They clothe themselves in the garments of their own righteousness, imagining themselves to be rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, when they need daily to learn of Jesus, His meekness and lowliness, else they find themselves bankrupt, their whole life being a lie (Letter 66, 1894). {7BC 962.5}

Rebuke

Halfhearted Christians are worse than
infidels; for their deceptive words and
noncommittal position lead many astray.
The infidel shows his colors. The lukewarm
Christian deceives both parties. He is neither
a good worldling nor a good Christian. Satan
uses him to do a work that no one else can
do (Letter 44, 1903). {7BC 963.6}

Revelation 3:18

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.

Remedy for Laodicea

1. Gold tried in fire that we may be rich
2. White raiment for clothing our shame and nakedness
3. Eyesalve that we may see

REMEDY 1: Gold tried in fire

"Open unto me; buy of me the heavenly wares; buy of me the gold tried in the fire."

Buy faith and love, the precious, beautiful attributes of our Redeemer, which will enable us to find our way into the hearts of those who do not know Him, who are cold and alienated from Him through unbelief and sin. (BE Jan. 15, 1892), {7BC 964.7}

God tried in fire

The counsel of the true Witness is full of encouragement and comfort. The churches may yet obtain the gold of truth, faith, and love, and be rich in heavenly treasure.

(RH July 24, 1888). {7BC 965.3}

REMEDY 2: White raiment

The white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the wedding garment which Christ alone can give.

(RH April 1, 1890). {7BC 965.1}

White raiment

What is the shame of this nakedness and poverty? It is the shame of clothing ourselves with self-righteousness, and of separating ourselves from God, when He has made ample provision for all to receive His blessing

(HS 139). {7BC 965.2}

White raiment

The white raiment is the righteousness of Christ that may be wrought into the character. Purity of heart, purity of motive, will characterize every one who is washing his robe, and making it white in the blood of the Lamb

(RH July 24, 1888). {7BC 965.3}

White raiment

There is nothing in us from which we can clothe the soul so that its nakedness shall not appear. We are to receive the robe of righteousness woven in the loom of heaven, even the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness (RH July 19, 1892). {7BC 965.4}



REMEDY 3: Eyesalve

The eye is the sensitive conscience, the inner light, of the mind. Upon its correct view of things the spiritual healthfulness of the whole soul and being depends. The "eyesalve," the Word of God, makes the conscience smart under its application; for it convicts of sin. But the smarting is necessary that the healing may follow, and the eye be single to the glory of God. The sinner, beholding himself in God's great moral looking glass, sees himself as God views him, and exercises repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.... {7BC 965.5}

Eyesalve

The eyesalve is the true spiritual discernment that is so wanting among us, for spiritual things must be spiritually discerned

(RH April 1, 1890). {7BC 965.1}

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION

What is Revival?

- “Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from the spiritual death.” -- Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902. {ChS 42.2}
- “Spiritual life---what is it? It is the contemplation of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, that our lives might be sweet and fragrant, that we might have power to perfect an unselfish Christian experience, and that from us others might learn to do good.” {1888 1808.3}

- **“The Lord calls** for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. **He calls for a renewal of spiritual life.** The **spiritual energies** of His people have long been torpid, but there is to be a resurrection from apparent death.” {CCh 326.4}

- **“The Author of this spiritual life is unseen, and the exact method by which that life is imparted and sustained, it is beyond the power of human philosophy to explain. Yet the operations of the Spirit are always in harmony with the written word. As in the natural, so in the spiritual world. The natural life is preserved moment by moment by divine power; yet it is not sustained by a direct miracle, but through the use of blessings placed within our reach. So the spiritual life is sustained by the use of those means that Providence has supplied.** If the follower of Christ would grow up "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13), **he must eat of the bread of life and drink of the water of salvation. He must watch and pray and work,** in all things giving heed to the instructions of God in His word.” {AA 284.2}

- There are three watchwords in the Christian life, which must be heeded if we would not have Satan steal a march upon us; namely, **Watch, Pray, Work.**--Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 283. {ChS 106.2}
- Every soul that has made a profession of Christ has pledged himself to be all that it is possible for him to be as **a spiritual worker, to be active, zealous, and efficient in his Master's service.** Christ expects every man to do his duty; **let this be the watchword throughout the ranks of His followers.** --Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 460. {ChS 106.3}

- “Watch, pray, and work, are the Christian's watchwords. **The life of a living Christian is a life of constant prayer.** The light and strength of one day will not be sufficient for the trials and conflicts of the next.” {ST, February 10, 1887 par. 12}

- **“Through conflict the spiritual life is strengthened.** Trials well borne will develop steadfastness of character and precious spiritual graces. The perfect fruit of faith, meekness, and love often **matures best** amid storm clouds and darkness.” {CSA 24.7}
- **“In order to have spiritual life and energy, we must have actual intercourse with our heavenly Father.** Our minds may be drawn out toward Him; we may meditate upon His works, His mercies, His blessings; but this is not, in the fullest sense, communing with Him. In order to commune with God, **we must have something to say to Him concerning our actual life.**” {CSA 26.2}

- “The **Holy Spirit** is the breath of spiritual life in the soul.” --The Desire of Ages, p. 805. {ChS 254.4}
- “**Daily prayer** is as essential to growth in grace, and even to **spiritual life itself**, as is temporal food to physical well-being.” --RH, May 3, 1881. {DG 81.3}
- “**Several times each day** precious, golden moments should be consecrated to **prayer and the study of the Scriptures**, if it is only to commit a text to memory, **that spiritual life may exist in the soul.**” --4T 459 (1880). {DG 82.2}

- **“But as real spiritual life declines, it has ever been the tendency to cease to advance in the knowledge of the truth.** Men rest **satisfied** with the light already received from God's word, and **discourage any further investigation** of the Scriptures. They become conservative, and seek to avoid discussion.” {GW 297.2}
- **“But however much one may advance in spiritual life, he will never come to a point where he will not need diligently to search the Scriptures;** for therein are found the evidences of our faith. All points of doctrine, even though they have been accepted as truth, should be brought to the law and to the testimony; if they cannot stand this test, "there is no light in them.” {LHU 283.3}

- “Spiritual life is the result of the action of the soul in obedience to the word and in harmony with the laws of God.” {BTS, March 1, 1915 par. 8}
- “The moral and vigorous action of the **higher powers of the mind** are essential to the perfection of Christian character, and **the strength or the weakness of the mind** has very much to do with our usefulness in this world, and with our final salvation.” {Te 146.2}

- “In the faithful performance of God's will, **all the powers of the mind**, **all the emotions of the heart**, will be called forth into their noblest, purest, happiest exercise. Great are the privileges of the Christian, and great the change which must be wrought by the Holy Spirit, ere men sinful by nature can become the sons of God. **Mental abilities and spiritual affections**, the treasures of memory and the anticipations of hope, are alike to be sanctified by the spirit of Christ, and consecrated to his service. The life of Christ's disciple is begun by faith and continued by obedience.” {ST, August 3, 1882 par. 16}

- “**Spiritual death** in the soul is evidenced by **spiritual pride** and a **crippled experience**; those who have such an experience seldom make straight paths for their feet. If pride is nourished, the very **qualities of the mind** which grace, if received, would make a blessing, become contaminated. (MS 47, 1896).” {6BC 1080.8}

What is Reformation?

- “Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices.” Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.
{ChS 42.2}

Change in ideas, theories and habits will need learning:

- **“Many have, as had Moses, very much to unlearn in order to learn the very lessons that they need to learn.”** {CTr 99.4}
- **“We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn.** God and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Christ prayed.” {TM 30.2}

- “Make up your mind that your former theories must change if they are **not in harmony** with the doctrines of the Bible.” {RH, March 25, 1902 par. 2}
- God “calls upon us to **hold firmly**, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon **unquestionable authority.**” {1SM 208.2}

- “It is a fact that we have the truth, and **we must hold with tenacity to the positions that cannot be shaken;** but we must not look with **suspicion** upon any **new light** which God may send, and say, Really, we cannot see that we need any more light than the old truth which we have hitherto received, and in which we are settled. While we hold to this position, the testimony of the True Witness applies to our cases its rebuke, "And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Those who feel rich and increased with goods and in need of nothing, **are in a condition of blindness as to their true condition before God, and they know it not.**” -- Review and Herald, August 7, 1894. {CW 33.1}

- “**All** articles of faith, **all** doctrines and creeds, however sacred they have been regarded, are to be **rejected** if they **contradict** the plain statements of the word of God. If the Bible supports the doctrine we have held in the past, we are justified in retaining it; for the word of God gives us foundation for our faith. {RH, March 25, 1902 par. 5}

- **“There is yet much precious truth to be revealed in this time of peril and darkness,** but it is Satan’s determined purpose to prevent the light of truth from shining into hearts of men. If we would have the light that has been provided for us, we should show our desire for it by diligently searching the word of God. **precious truths that have been long been in obscurity are to be revealed in a light that will make manifest their sacred worth;** for God will glorify his word that it may appear in a light in which we have never before beheld it.”
{CSW 25.1}

- “We must not think, “Well, we have all the truth, we understand the main pillars of our faith, and we may rest on this knowledge.” **The truth is an advancing truth, and we must walk in the increasing light.**” {CW 33.2}
- **“Long-cherished opinions must not be regarded as infallible.** It was the unwillingness of the Jews to give up their long-established traditions that proved their ruin. **They were determined not to see any flaw in their own opinions or in their expositions of the Scriptures;** but however long men may have entertained certain views, **if they are not clearly sustained by the written word, they should be discarded.** Those who sincerely desire truth will not be reluctant to lay open their positions for investigation and criticism, and will not be annoyed if their opinions and ideas are crossed. This was the spirit cherished among us forty years ago. . . .” {CW 36.4}

- **“There are many beliefs that the mind has no right to entertain.** In the days of Christ the rabbis put a forced, mystical construction upon many portions of Scripture. **Because the plain teaching of God's word condemned their practices, they tried to destroy its force. The same thing is done today.** The word of God is made to appear mysterious and obscure in order to excuse transgression of His law. Christ rebuked these practices in His day. He taught that the word of God was to be understood by all. He pointed to the Scriptures as of unquestionable authority, and we should do the same. The Bible is to be presented as the word of the infinite God, as the end of all controversy and the foundation of all faith.” {COL 39.1}

Revival and Reformation Must Blend

- “Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they **must blend.**” -- Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902. {ChS 42.2}

- “Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. . . . Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behaviour, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life. **There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ.** His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness.” {AG 120.3}

- **“All true reformation begins with soul-cleansing.** It is by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the mind through the power of the Holy Spirit, that a change is wrought in the life. {SD 105.3}
- **“The form of godliness without a true reformation** is like a house built on a sandy foundation.” {AUCR, April 29, 1907 par. 4}

- “Some to whom **conviction** comes refuse to **change** their way of life, because to change would be an acknowledgment that they had been wrong. To them the conviction is useless. They do not allow it to work in them **true reformation.**” {6MR 120.3}

Prerequisites for Revival and Reformation

1. ASK, PRAY FOR IT

- Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
- See also Zech. 10:1
- “A revival and a reformation must take place **under the ministration of the Holy Spirit.**” – Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902. {ChS 42.2}
- “A revival need be expected **only** in answer to prayer.”--1SM 121 (1887). {LDE 189.1}

2. DILIGENTLY STUDY THE HOLY BIBLE.

“Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the Word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. . . . **When we . . . understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival.**” {FLB 345.4}

“If our people were half awake, **if they realized the nearness of the events portrayed in the Revelation, a reformation would be wrought in our churches,** and many more would believe the message.” {Ev 195.1}

- “In the book of Revelation **we read of a special work that God desires to have His people do in these last days.** He has revealed His law and shown us **the truth for this time.** This truth is constantly unfolding, and God designs that we shall be intelligent in regard to it, that we may be able to distinguish between right and wrong, between righteousness and unrighteousness.” {VSS 332.3}
- “As a people we are called individually to be students of prophecy.” {5T 708.2}

- Revival and reformation in the days of Prophet **Samuel** came only after the prophet taught the Israelites the scriptures, fasted and prayed with them and many repented of their sins. The same results in the days of **kings Josiah, Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah, Ezra the teacher of the law, Nehemiah the reformer, Zerubbabel, prophets Elijah and Elisha, came also through returning to the scriptures.** The protestant reformation through the **Waldenses, Albigenses, John Wycliffe, Huss and Jerome, Martin Luther and Zwingli, Cranmer, Latimer, and Knox, the Huguenots, John and Charles Wesley, William Miller and a host of others also came by studying the Holy Scriptures and dwelling on the present truth for their day.** The same is to be expected today only when the Holy Scriptures is diligently studied and present truth dwelt upon.

Hindrances to Revival and Reformation

- Satan would love to have God's children grounded in spiritual lethargy. He will therefore work with all his ingenuity and determination to oppose true revival and reformation. If he cannot pervert it, he will bring in dark influences to counteract the workings of the Holy Spirit in the revival and reformation. It is therefore important that we be on our guard and know what things he does to achieve this lest we be found to be his accomplices.

- 1. ADORING THE INSTRUMENT RATHER THAN THE CREATOR
- We Must not pet, adore as gods and flatter the instrumentalities that God may choose to use in leading a reformatory movement. Not many men can survive these snares that are placed in their path by the supporters of the reformation.

- “Furthermore, **in every reformatory movement**, there is danger that it will receive the stamp of the human rather than the divine. As men rejoice in the freedom which the truth brings them, **they are inclined to exalt those whom God has employed to break the chains of error and superstition**. These leaders are honored, extolled, and revered, and if they are not truly humble and devoted, unselfish and incorruptible, they gradually lose sight of their continual dependence upon God, and begin to trust in themselves. **Soon they seek to control the minds and restrict the consciences of others, seeming to regard themselves as the only channel through which God will communicate light to his church. The work of reform is often retarded because of this spirit indulged by its supporters**”. {ST, October 11, 1883 par. 16}

- “It is not safe to speak in praise of persons or to exalt the ability of a minister of Christ. In the day of God, very many will be weighed in the balance and found wanting because of exaltation. **I would warn my brethren and sisters never to flatter persons because of their ability**, for they cannot bear it. Self is easily exalted, and, in consequence, persons lose their balance. I say again to my brethren and sisters: If you would have your souls clean from the blood of all men, **never flatter, never praise the efforts of poor mortals**; for it may prove their ruin. **It is unsafe**, by our words and actions, to exalt a brother or sister, however apparently humble may be his or her deportment. If they really possess the meek and lowly spirit which God so highly esteems, help them to retain it. This will not be done by censuring them nor by neglecting to properly **appreciate their true worth**. But there are few who can bear praise without being injured.” {3T 185.1}

- 3. PREJUDICE AND FALSE IDEAS
- “We make progressive movements; but at every step *prejudice and false ideas must be removed*. This has been the case with **every reformatory movement** the world has ever seen.” {RH, February 5, 1884 par. 10}

Revival and Reformation:-Now and Why

- Revival and reformation should not be looked upon as lying in the shelves of the past or to be expected in the hours of the future. We can and must have it today.

- **“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place.** When this reformation begins, the spirit of **prayer** will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife.” {8T 251.1}
- “Do not the Scriptures call for a more pure and holy work than we have yet seen? . . . **God calls upon those who are willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit to lead out in a work of thorough reformation.**” --General Conference Bulletin, May 29, 1913, p. 34. {ChS 42.3}

“There is great necessity for a reformation among the people of God. The present state of the church leads to the inquiry, Is this a correct representation of Him who gave His life for us?”--Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 474. {ChS 43.1}

“It is today that we must be revived as individuals. We must not look at the hours of tomorrow for it might be too late for us. Some of us might then be lying in their dusty beds forever lost. **We are not to wait for the whole church to get revived and reformed.** “Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come. There are persons in the church who are not converted, and who will not unite in earnest, prevailing prayer. **We must enter upon the work individually.**” {Selected Messages Vol. 1 122.1}

- **“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.”--1SM 121 (1887). {LDE 189.1}**
- **“I tell you that there must be a thorough revival among us. There must be a converted ministry. There must be confessions, repentance, and conversions.”--Letter 51, 1886. {LDE 189.2}**

A Few Things Cited for Revival and Reform

1. Health Reform

- “**God's blessing will rest upon every effort made to awaken an interest in health reform, for it is needed everywhere. There must be a revival in regard to this matter,** for God purposes to accomplish much through this agency.” {CH 261.1}
- “If we backslide in **health reform** we shall lose much of our influence with the outside world.” {Ev 514.3}

Indulgence of appetite!



2. Dress Reform

- “My sisters, there is need of a dress reform among us.” {2SM 473.1}
- The sum and substance of true religion is to own and continually acknowledge by words, by dress, by deportment, our relationship to God.-- T., V. IV, p. 582. {HL 119.2}
- Perhaps no question has ever come up among us which has caused such development of character as has the dress reform.-- T., V. IV, p. 636. {HL 120.1}

A Matter of Moral decay!







**MEN
THRUST
THEIR
CHEST OUT
TO DISPLAY
THEIR
STRONG
PECTORALS**



**MALE BUTTOCKS ARE
CONSIDERED EROGENOUS BY
MANY WOMEN,**

Hair styles!



Whose adorning let it not be that outward [adorning] of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
1 Peter 3:3 - KJV

1st Tim. 2:9, Titus 2:3-5

- “Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. **Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God.** I have been shown that our church rules are very deficient. All exhibitions of pride in dress, which is forbidden in the word of God, should be sufficient reason for church discipline. If there is a continuance, in face of warnings and appeals and entreaties, to still follow the perverse will, it may be regarded as proof that the heart is in no way assimilated to Christ. Self, and only self, is the object of adoration, and one such professed Christian will lead many away from God.” {4T 647.2}

- “The lives of nine tenths of the befrilled, trimmed devotees of fashion are a living lie. Deception and fraud are their daily practice. They appear what they are not. Nobility of soul is gone. Gentleness and generosity have been bartered away to gratify their lust after evil things. Thousands sell virtue to obtain money with which to gratify their desire to follow the fashion. **Such madness upon these things should call forth an army of reformers to take their position for reform.**” {19MR 324.2}

3. Sabbath Reform

“There is need of a Sabbath reform among us, who profess to observe God's holy rest day. Some discuss their business matters and lay plans on the Sabbath, and God looks upon this in the same light as though they engaged in the actual transaction of business.” {Ev 245.1}

“The work of Sabbath reform to be accomplished in the last days is foretold in the prophecy of Isaiah...” {GC 451.1} Isaiah 56 and 58

4. Revival in Bible Study

- “A revival in Bible study is needed throughout the world.” {Ev 456.1}
- “ If we walk in the light, our wisdom will increase day by day. **We should know more of the truth tomorrow than we know today.** We cannot afford to be dwarfs in Bible knowledge, or in the religious life; but we should grow up unto the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. {HS 152.3}
- “I am instructed to say that in the future great watchfulness will be needed. **There is to be among God's people no spiritual stupidity.**” {Mar 148.2}



- “Every moment of our lives is intensely real, and charged with solemn responsibilities. **Ignorance will be no excuse for lack of spiritual understanding and attainment; for we are exhorted to add to virtue, knowledge.** Many are very ignorant of Bible truth, and they do not realize the duty and necessity of becoming intelligent Christians. ... We are invited to become learners in the school of Christ. We need to acquire all the knowledge possible. We cannot afford to be ignorant of the things that pertain to our eternal welfare. **It is not His will that our powers should be bound up in torpid stupidity and ignorance. “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”** {PCP 17.3}

Reformation to the end of the end of the world

- Revival and reformation is to continue to the close of time at the individual and corporate levels. The word of God has been so much corrupted by Satan in the interpretation thereof that there is to be continual understanding of the truth as it is in Jesus to the close of this earth's history. Everybody however exalted or low has many things to learn and very many things to unlearn.

“The Reformation did not, as many suppose, end with Luther. **It is to be continued to the close of this world's history.** Luther had a great work to do in reflecting to others the light which God had permitted to shine upon him; yet he did not receive all the light which was to be given to the world. From that time to this, new light has been continually shining upon the Scriptures, and new truths have been constantly unfolding.” {GC 148.4}

- “In visions of the night, representations passed before me **of a great reformatory movement among God's people**. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844.” {9T 126.1}

- **“When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, strait-laced extremists. “We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.””** {Fundamentals of Christian Education 289.1}

PROPHETS AND KINGS CHAPTER

51: A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

- “Ezra's motives were high and holy; in all that he did he was actuated by a deep love for souls. The compassion and tenderness that he revealed toward those who had sinned, either willfully or through ignorance, should be an object lesson to all who seek to bring about **reforms**. The servants of God are to be as firm as a rock where right principles are involved; and yet, withal, they are to manifest sympathy and forbearance. Like Ezra, they are to teach transgressors the way of life by calculating principles that are the foundation of all rightdoing. {PK 623.3}

- In this age of the world, when Satan is seeking, through manifold agencies, to blind the eyes of men and women to the binding claims of the law of God, there is need of men who can cause many to "tremble at the commandment of our God." Ezra 10:3. **There is need of true reformers**, who will point transgressors to the great Lawgiver and teach them that "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Psalm 19:7. **There is need of men mighty in the Scriptures**, men whose every word and act exalts the statutes of Jehovah, men who seek to strengthen faith. **Teachers are needed, oh, so much, who will inspire hearts with reverence and love for the Scriptures.** {PK 623.4}

- The widespread iniquity prevalent today may in a great degree be attributed **to a failure to study and obey the Scriptures**, for when the word of God is set aside, its power to restrain the evil passions of the natural heart is rejected. Men sow to the flesh and of the flesh reap corruption. {PK 624.1}

- “Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, **and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts.** The tremendous issues of eternity demand of us something besides an imaginary religion, a religion of words and forms, where truth is kept in the outer court. **God calls for a revival and a reformation.** The words of the Bible and the Bible alone, should be heard from the pulpit. But the Bible has been robbed of its power, and the result is seen in a lowering of the tone of spiritual life.”
{PK 626.1}

- “Throughout the kingdom [Judah] the people were in need of instruction in the law of God. In an understanding of this law lay their safety; by conforming their lives to its requirements they would become loyal both to God and to man. Knowing this, Jehoshaphat took steps to ensure to his people thorough instruction in the Holy Scriptures. The princes in charge of the different portions of his realm were directed to arrange for the faithful ministry of teaching priests. By royal appointment these instructors, working under the direct supervision of the princes, "went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people." 2 Chronicles 17:7-9. **And as many endeavored to understand God's requirements and to put away sin, a revival was effected.**” {PK 191.2}
- **This was the beginning of a wonderful reformation.** {PK 622.3}

- **Wherever Ezra labored, there sprang up a revival in the study of the Holy Scriptures.** Teachers were appointed to instruct the people; the law of the Lord was exalted and made honorable. **The books of the prophets were searched,** and the passages foretelling the coming of the Messiah brought hope and comfort to many a sad and weary heart. {PK 623.1}

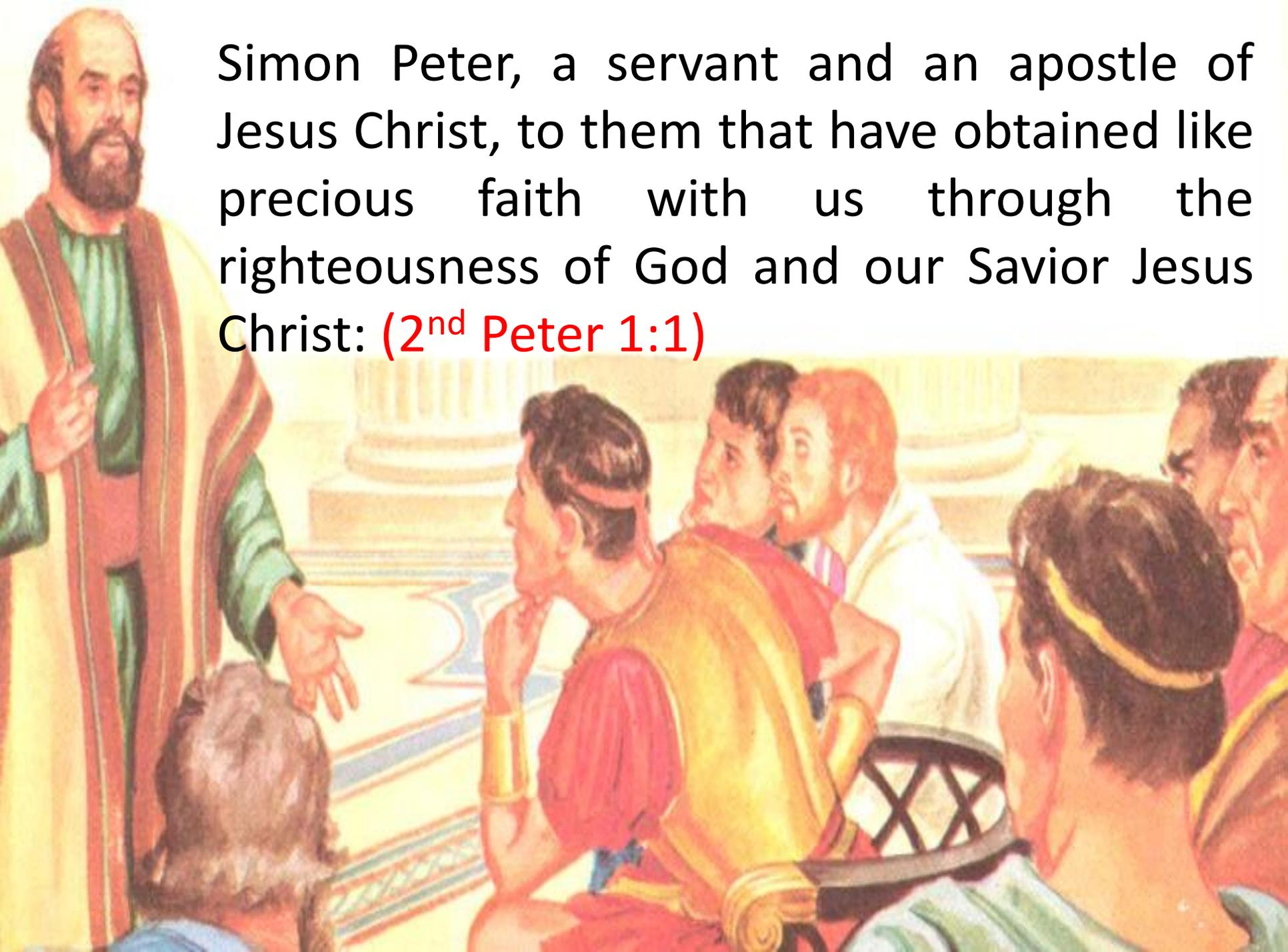
EIGHT SURE STEPS FOR LAODICEA

Peter's ladder of eight rounds

2nd Peter 1:1-12



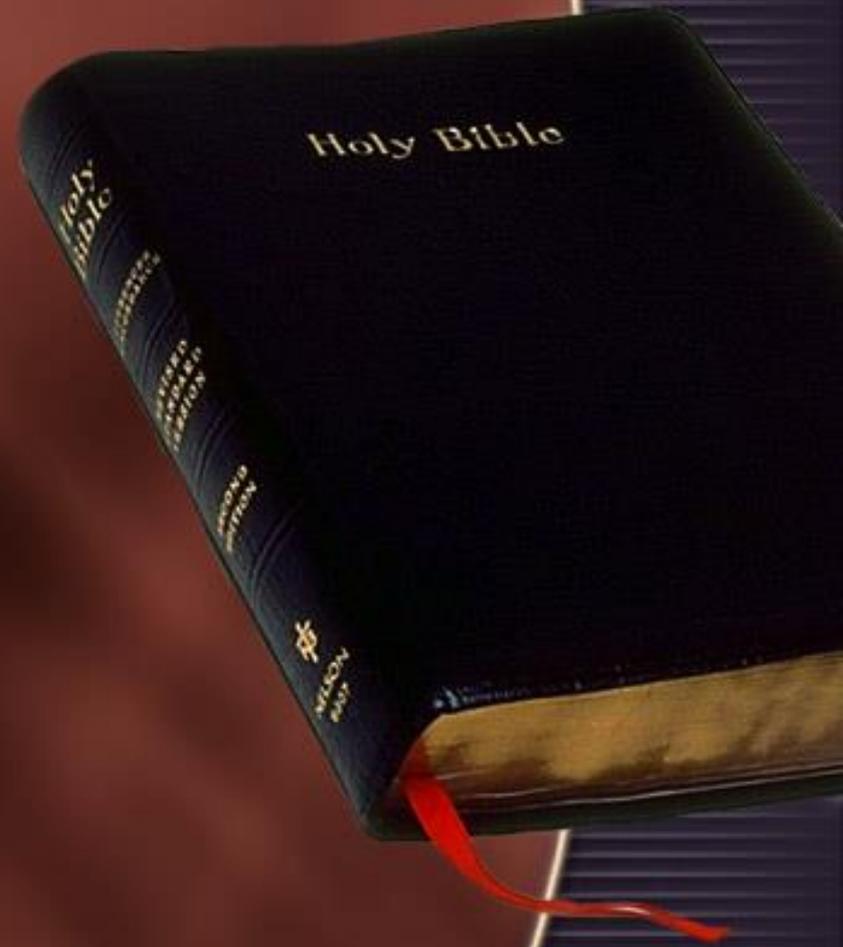
Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: (2nd Peter 1:1)





2nd Pet. 1:2

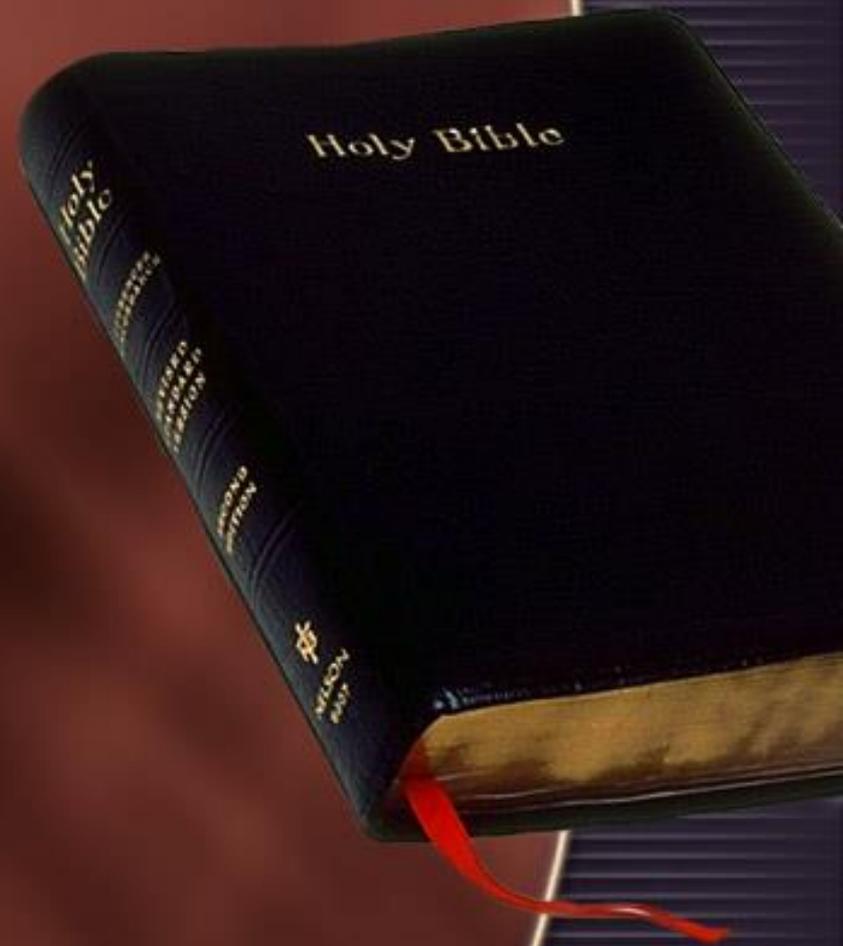
Grace and peace be
multiplied unto you
through the
knowledge of God,
and of Jesus our
Lord,





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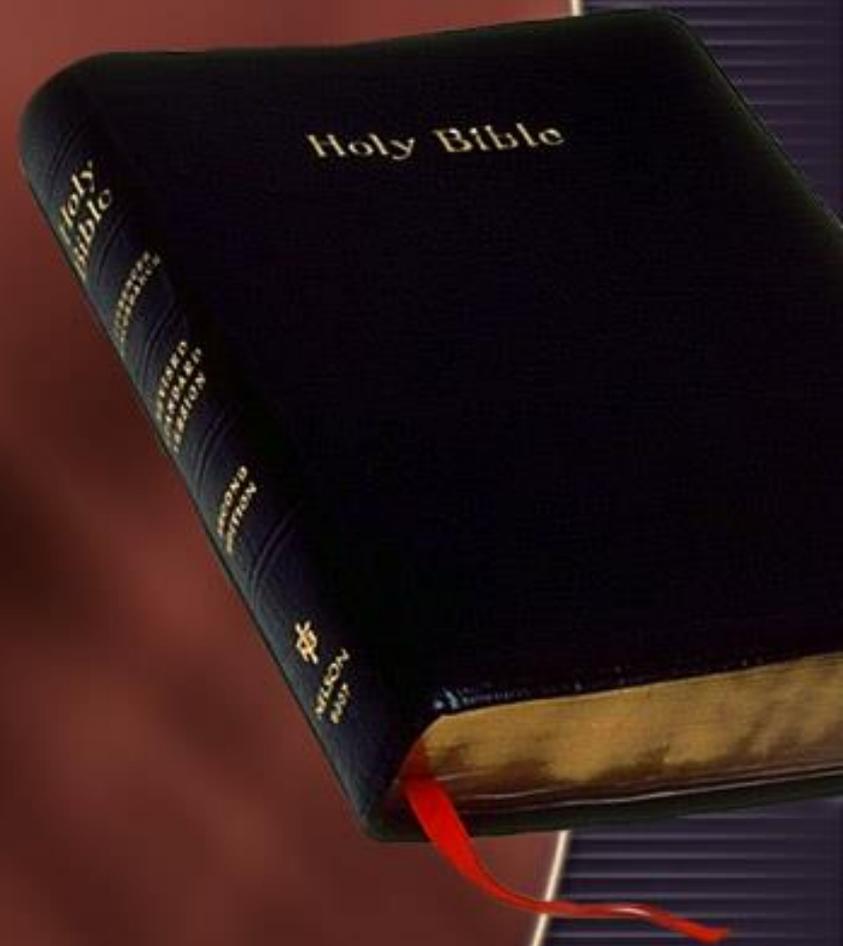
According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:





2nd Pet. 1.4

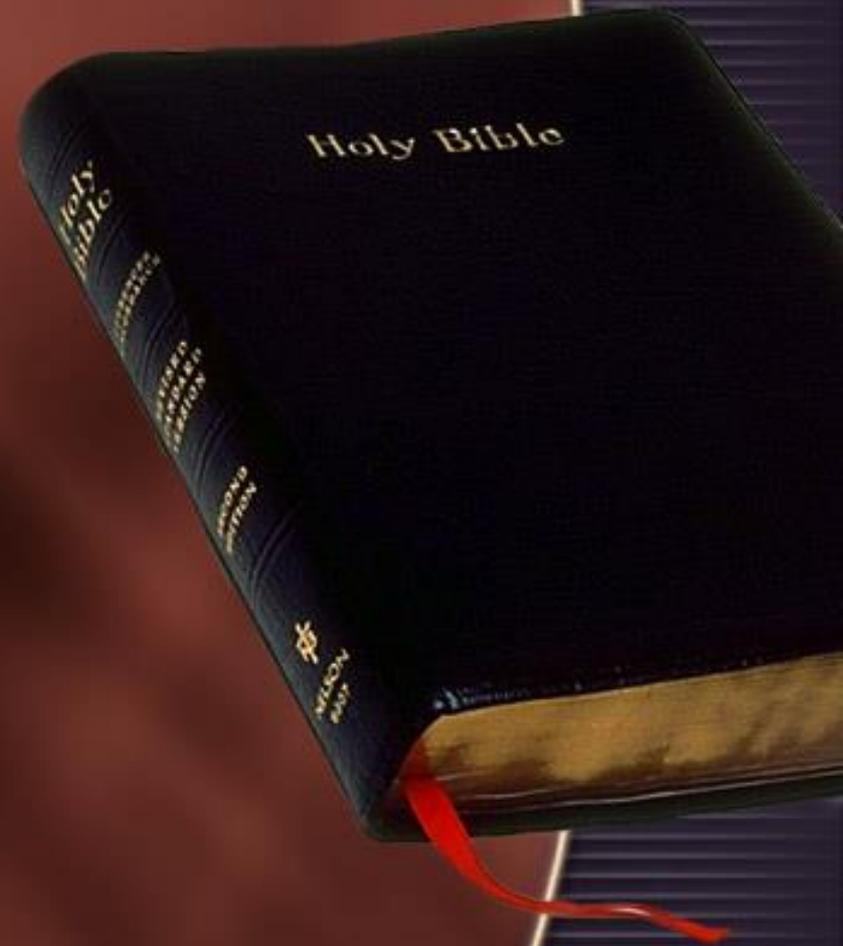
Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.





2nd pet. 1:5

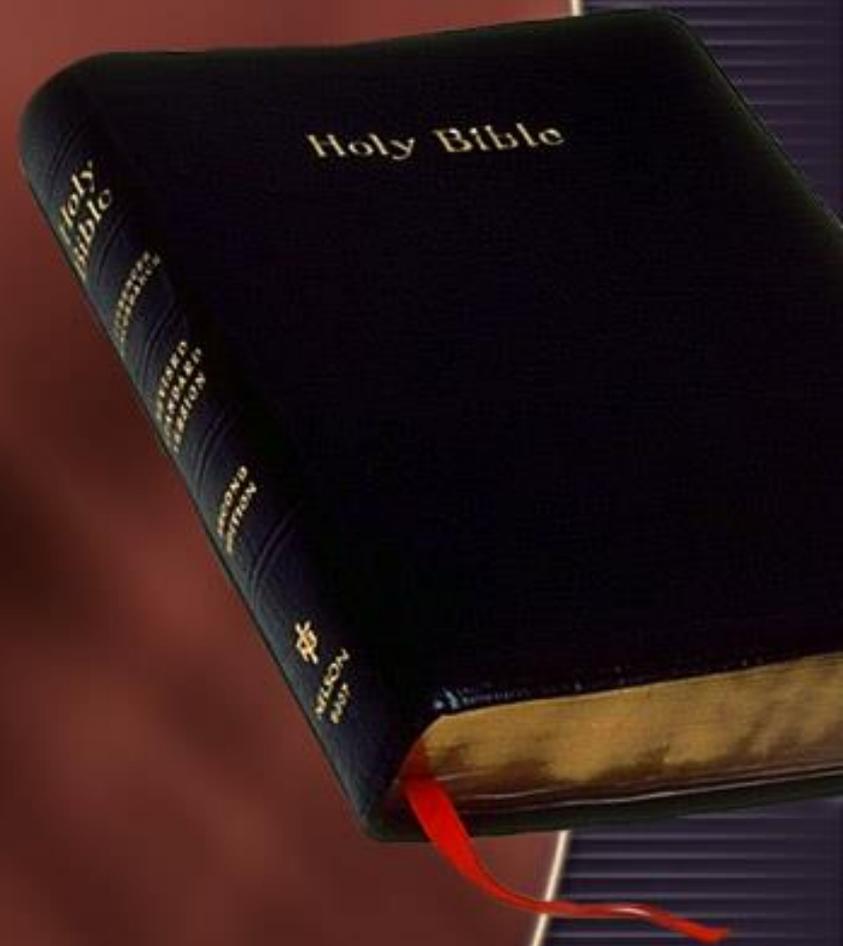
And beside this,
giving all
diligence, **add** to
your **faith virtue**;
and to virtue
knowledge;





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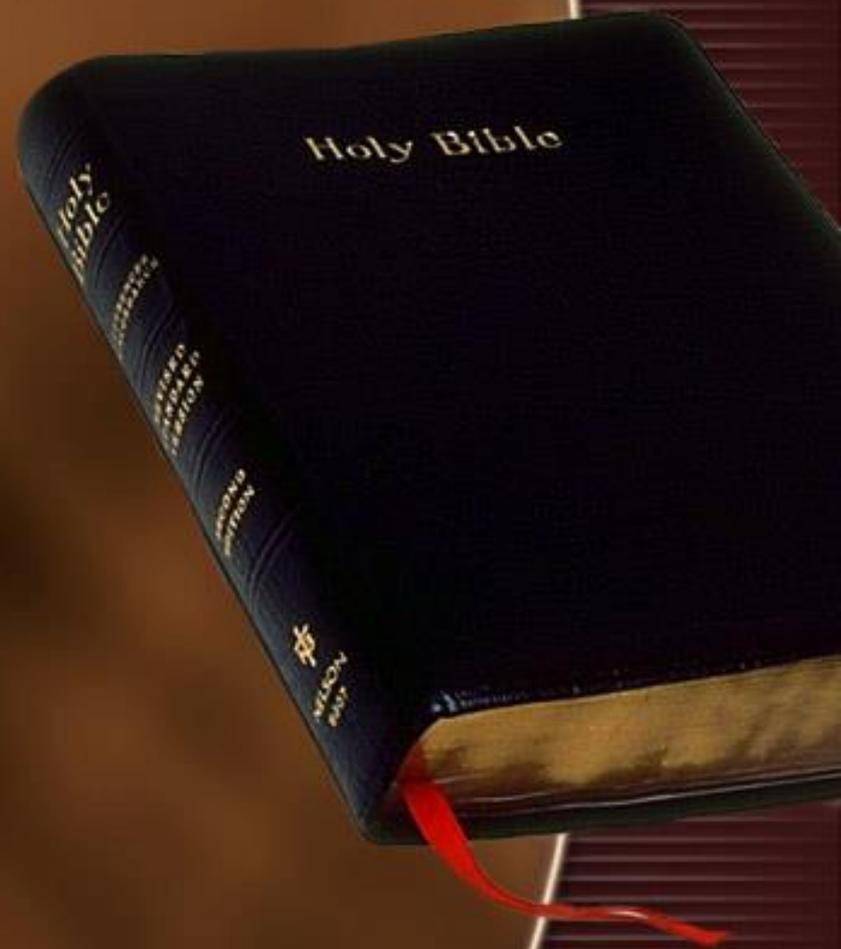
And to **knowledge**
temperance; and
to temperance
patience; and to
patience **godliness**;



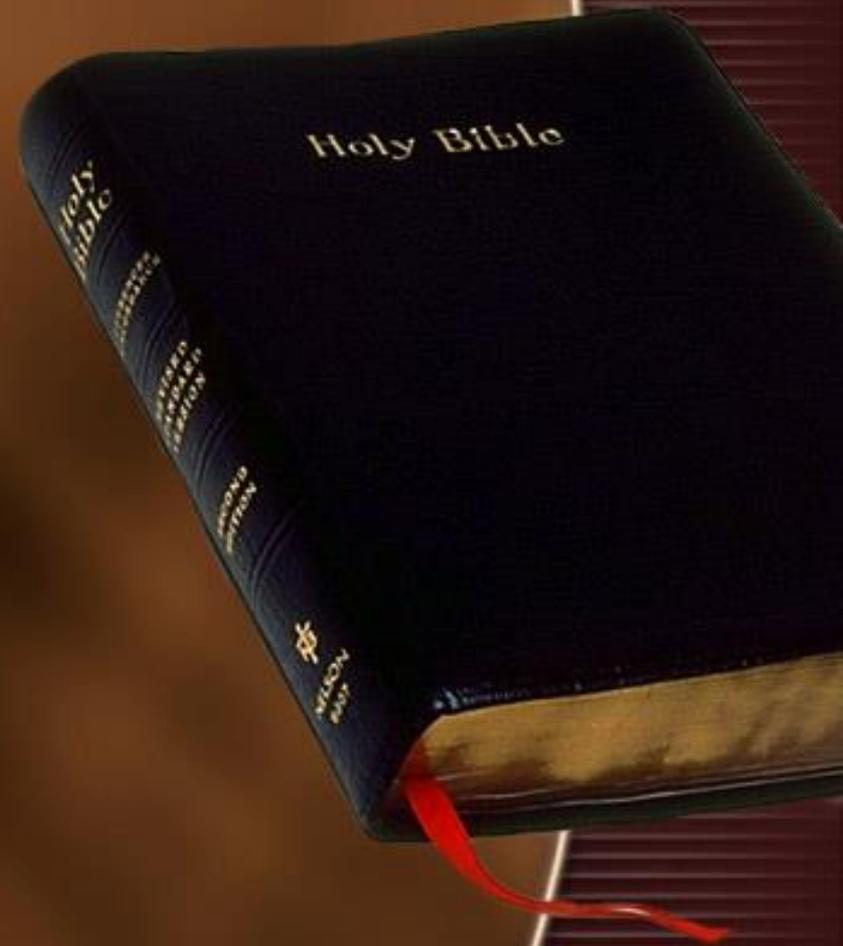


2nd Pet. 1:7

And to **godliness**
brotherly
kindness; and to
brotherly
kindness **charity.**



For if these things
be in you, and
abound, they make
[you that ye shall]
neither [be] barren
nor unfruitful in
the knowledge of
our Lord Jesus
Christ. (verse 8)



Verse 9

But he that lacketh these things
is **blind**, and **cannot see afar off**,
and hath forgotten that he was
purged from his old sins.

Laodicea not entirely hopeless!

The Laodiceans . . . were not entirely blind, else the eyesalve would have done nothing to restore their sight, and enable them to discern the true attributes of Christ. Says Christ, By renouncing your own self-sufficiency, giving up all things, however dear to you, you may buy the gold, the raiment, and the eyesalve that you may see (RH Nov. 23, 1897). {7BC 965.6}

8 SURE STEPS FOR LAODICEA

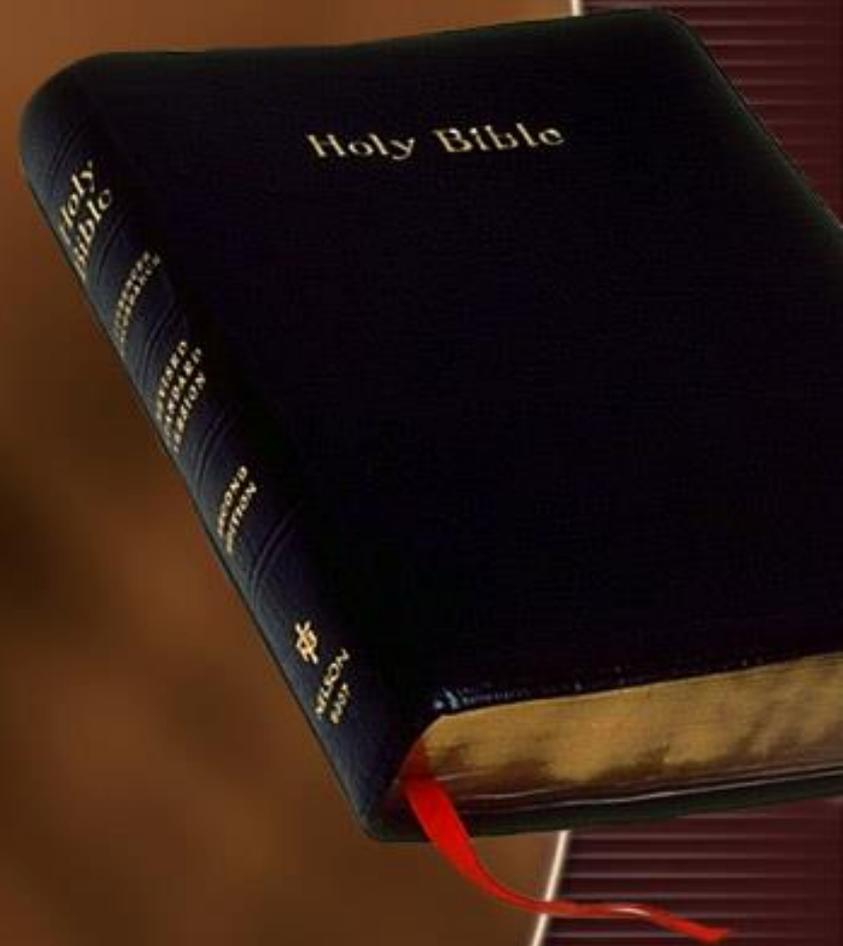
1. Faith
2. Virtue
3. Knowledge
4. Temperance
5. Patience
6. Godliness
7. Brotherly Kindness
8. Charity

Christ . . . is the ladder. The base is planted firmly on the earth in His humanity; the topmost round reaches to the throne of God in His divinity. {Mar. 84.3}



2nd Pet. 1:10

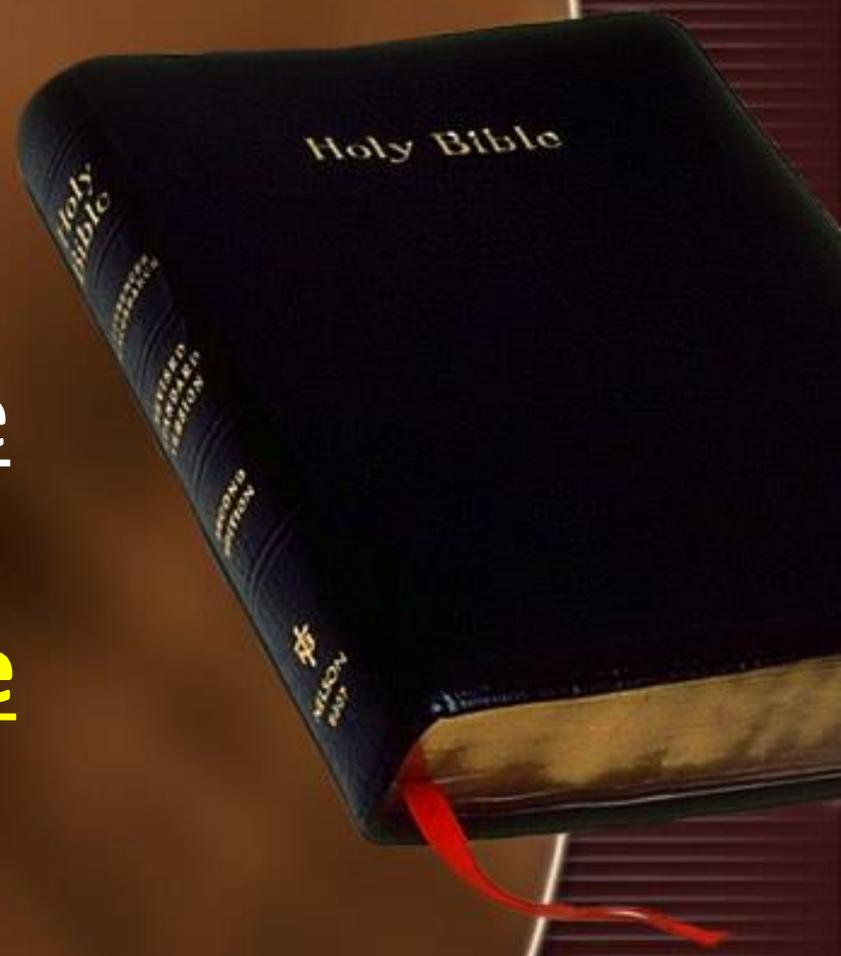
Wherefore the
rather, brethren, give
diligence to make
your calling and
election sure: **for if
ye do these things,
ye shall never fall:**

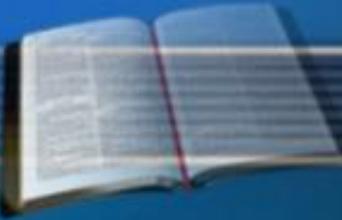




2nd Pet. 1:12,13

12 Wherefore I will not
be negligent to put you
always in remembrance
of these things, though
ye know [them], **and be**
established in the
present truth.





Matt. 11:28

**Come unto me,
all [ye] that
labour and are
heavy laden,
and I will give
you rest.**



You are being weighed! Will you survive the test?

