



# Christ's Message to Laodicea

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# Laodicea

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- Lukewarm water
- Black wool cloth
- Powder used as an eye salve

# Revelation 3 (CSB)

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## Revelation 3 (CSB)

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# John 1:1-3 (CSB)

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<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning.  
<sup>3</sup>All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

## Revelation 3:15-16 (CSB)

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## Acts 9:4-5 (CSB)

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<sup>3</sup>As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

<sup>5</sup>“Who are you, Lord?” Saul said.

“I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting,” he replied.

## 2 Timothy 3:5 (NET)

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## 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NET)

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<sup>1</sup>But understand this, that **in the last days** difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, opposed to what is good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, conceited, loving pleasure rather than loving God. <sup>5</sup>They will maintain the outward appearance of religion but will have repudiated its power. So avoid people like these.

## Revelation 3:17-18 (CSB)

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# Self-Assessment

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1. I'm rich
2. I have become wealthy
3. I need nothing

# Jesus' Assessment

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1. You are wretched
2. You are pitiful
3. You are poor
4. You are blind
5. You are naked

# Self-Assessment

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1. I'm rich
2. I have become wealthy
3. I need nothing
4. I have clear vision
5. I have clothing

# Assessment Comparison

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. I'm rich              | 1. You are wretched |
| 2. I have become wealthy | 2. You are pitiful  |
| 3. I need nothing        | 3. You are poor     |
| 4. I have clear vision   | 4. You are blind    |
| 5. I have clothing       | 5. You are naked    |

# Self-Assessment

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1. I'm rich
2. I have become wealthy
3. I need nothing

# Self-Assessment

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WORTHY



RIGHTEOUS

# Self-Assessment



CONFIDENTIAL

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## Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)

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But we are all like an unclean thing,  
And **all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;**  
We all fade as a leaf,  
And our iniquities, like the wind,  
Have taken us away.

# Romans 6:23 (NASB)

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For the wages of sin is **death**, but ...

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For the wages of sin is death, but the **gracious gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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# What We Get in the Exchange

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2. White clothes
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# Adam & Eve in Genesis (CSB)

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2:25 Both the man and his wife were **naked, yet felt no shame.**

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they **sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.**

3:21 The Lord God made **clothing from skins** for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

# Righteousness

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1. Right doing
2. Justice

# 1 John 3:4 (CSB)

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Everyone who commits sin practices lawlessness; and **sin is lawlessness.**

# Sin

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- Lawlessness
  - Lack of justice
  - Lack of right doing
  - Lack of righteousness
- Unrighteousness
  - Lack of righteousness
  - Lack of right doing
  - Lack of justice

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# Our Reality **VS** His Reality

Dependence on self

Dependence on Jesus

Righteousness by works

Righteousness by faith

Flesh

Galatians, Romans 6-8

Spirit

First Adam

Romans 5

Second Adam (Jesus)

Cain

Genesis 4

Abel

Legalism

Grace

# 1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19 (CSB)

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3:16 Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that **the Spirit of God lives in you?**

6:19 Don't you know that your body is a temple of **the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

## John 14:17 & 16:13 (CSB)

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<sup>14:17</sup> He is **the Spirit of truth**. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and **will be in you**.

<sup>16:13</sup> When **the Spirit of truth** comes, he **will guide you into all the truth**. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come.

## 2 Timothy 3:5 (NET)

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# What the Exchange Costs Us

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- Everything
  - Our legalism, good works, earned “righteousness”
  - Our “filthy rags,” inherited circumstances
  - Our standards

# Steps to Jesus

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Do you ask, “How am I to live in Christ?” Live in Him in the same way you first received Him. “Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him.” Colossians 2:6. “My righteous people... will believe and live.” Hebrews 10:38. You gave yourself to God to belong fully to Him, to serve and obey Him. You took Christ as your Savior. You could not by yourself take away your sins or change your heart. But having given yourself to God, you believed that, for Christ’s sake, He did all this for you. 68.3

# Steps to Jesus

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You became Christ's by faith, and you are to grow up in Him by faith. Faith calls for giving and taking. Give all to Him—your heart, your mind, your work. Give yourself to Him to obey all that He asks you to do. And you must take all. Take Christ, the blessed One, to live in your heart. Take Him to be your Strength, your Righteousness, and your Helper forever. He will give you power to obey. 68.4

# Revelation 3:19 (CSB)

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## Revelation 3:20 (CSB)

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# Galatians 2:21 & 3:11 (CSB)

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2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for **if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.**

3:11 Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law, because the righteous will live by faith.

## Revelation 3:21 (CSB)

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“To the one who conquers I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

## John 16:33 (NET)

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“I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage – **I have conquered the world.**”

# 1 John 5:1-5 (CSB)

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<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of him. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God and obey his commands. <sup>3</sup>For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden, <sup>4</sup>because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

# Ephesians 1:3, 5 (CSB)

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<sup>3</sup>Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing in the heavens** in Christ.

<sup>5</sup>He predestined us to be **adopted as sons** through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will

## Ephesians 1:7, 13-14 (CSB)

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<sup>7</sup>In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace

<sup>13</sup>In him you also were sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit** when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. <sup>14</sup>The **Holy Spirit** is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.

## Revelation 3:22 (CSB)

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