# 20220313 PASSIONATE LOVE BETWEEN JESUS AND ME (The time is near - part 9)

Revelation 3:14-22

14 To the Church in Laodicea

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

- <sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!
- <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.
- <sup>17</sup> You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.
- <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.
- $^{\mathbf{19}}$  Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.
- <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.
- <sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.
- <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

<sup>19</sup> "Write, therefore, <u>what you have seen</u>, <u>what is now</u> and <u>what</u> will take place later.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

#### Jesus, the Amen

Isaiah 65:16

<sup>16</sup> Whoever invokes a blessing in the land will do so by the God of <u>truth</u>; he who takes an oath in the land will swear by the God of <u>truth</u>. For the past troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my eyes.

Isaiah 7:9

<sup>9</sup> The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your <u>faith</u>, you will not stand at all."

2 Corinthians 1:20

<sup>20</sup> For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

#### The Scope of the influence of the enemy

1 John 5:19

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

Revelation 12:9

<sup>9</sup> This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

#### We walk by faith, not by sight

verse 14

<sup>14</sup> "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

#### Problem with walking by sight - being blind

verse 17

<sup>17</sup> You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

## The message of love

verse 19

<sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

### Decision has to be made individually

verses 20-21

- <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
- $^{21}$  To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.