Overcoming Ignorance

Rev. 3:14 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;

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

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

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:

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.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 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.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

1. The Faithful and True Witness will help you understand Your Condition

“These things saith the Amen the faithful and true witness the beginning of the creation of God”

* 1. Ignorance is, Not being aware of what is happening to you spiritually.
     1. Wretched
     2. Miserable
     3. Poor
     4. Blind
     5. Naked
  2. Not aware of the possibilities of things happening to you or without you.
     1. Left Behind.
     2. Spewed out of His mouth.
     3. Rebuked and chastened.
  3. Not aware of the spiritual dangers you may have caused.
     1. Is there any doubt in your mind whether the bible is true?
        1. Inspiration
        2. Accuracy
     2. Do you hold high the standards of the bible?
     3. Do you question how the principles apply today?
     4. Do you justify questionable activity?
     5. Do you question authority?
     6. Do you really read your bible?
     7. Do you really memorize your bible?
     8. Do you really know and understand your bible?

1. Ignorance is you’ve have been made aware and you’re not alert.
2. Ignorant of the enemies devices

Rev. 3: 17 *“…And knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable…”*

The Lord says they are “*blind*” to their condition. Therefore, this requires a truthful and strict examination of ourselves. Paul said:

II Cor. 13: 5 *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.”*

Jesus said:

Jn. 8: 32 *“…Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

The Lord‟s counsel was to “*…anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see…*” (Rev. 3: 18) The eyes must be anointed by the Holy Spirit with spiritual insight and revelations to not only see the “*blind*” condition, but to see the provisions made for this condition. You cannot overcome spiritual blindness in yourself. It takes the anointing of God by His Spirit to remove the scales of blindness. It will cost you something to get this “*eyesalve*” that will remove the blindness.

The Lord says, “*…Buy of Me…*” 14

* Through Repentance
* Through Believing His Promise
* Through Obedience to His Word

* Through Knowing Him and Understanding Him.

II Cor. 10: 5, 6 *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”*

Rev. 3: 18 *“…And white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear…”*

Adam and Eve had a spiritual covering that they lost when they sinned in the garden, and they then knew they were naked.

Gen. 3: 7 *“And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”*

Here the Lord was speaking to the Church and telling them that they were “*naked*.” They had lost their spiritual covering.

“*Raiment*” is used in Scripture to typify character. “*…Clothed with Majesty…*” (Psa. 93: 1) “*…Clothed with Honour…*” (Psa. 104: 1)

“*Raiment*” also typifies Salvation, Righteousness and Purity.

Job 29: 14 *“I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.”*

Psa. 132: 16 *“I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.”*

Isa. 61: 10 *“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.”*

Zech. 3: 4 *“And He answered and spake unto those that stood before Him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.”*

The believers that are in the Church need to overcome these conditions of wretchedness, misery, [poor – spiritually-faith, hope love]“blindness” and “*nakedness*” to be in the Bride.

John 13:17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.