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INTRODUCTION

1. "The American Paradox"; "Affluenza". Love of \$ can -> apostasy - 1T 6:10. Rv 3:14-22

**5th: Words of Exhortation - v19b**

1. Jesus continues to call for repentance, in spite of nausea.
2. Jesus urges church to do business w/ Him: buy gold, garment, & eye-salve. How? Repentance & faith in Jesus.
3. Jesus loves & seeks cov intimacy - calls church *be zealous & repent* - 2 imperatives = obed response to sin of lukewarm, fence-straddling.
  - i. *zealous* - root idea is "hot" [v15 *hot* = Eng "zest"].
  - ii. *repent* - definitive act [*be zealous* = continuous action]
  - iii. 1Pt 1:22 *fervently love from the heart*; Jn 21:15ff *Do you love Me?*

**6th: Words of Encouragement - v20**

1. *Behold* - see Jesus - *at the door & knock*. Houses cld be billeted - Jesus knocks to gain admission: personal rlshp - [*come into him*] & enjoy table fellowship [*dine w/ him & he w/ Me*].
2. Jesus takes the initiative of love. We respond: hear, interp His approach; repent = open door, sit at table & engage in personal fellowship w/ Jesus.
  - i. The church receives Jesus to the extent that each individual member receives Jesus.
  - ii. Jesus is not endorsing a Sardis situation: *a few people* [3:4]. He wants the entire congregation to repent zealously.
3. *dine* = KJV: "sup" "[Lord's Supper - Lk 22:20]. Eating & drinking in presence of & w/ deity is a universally basic form of worship.
  - i. 1C 10:19-22 pagan banquet or Lord's Table? Xn can't eat at both. Note: v22 - Jesus is *jealous* - same Grk root for *zealous* [Rv 3:19].
  - ii. Rv 19:7-9 prepare for the marriage *supper* [our term] of the Lamb
4. Jesus' letter is emotionally intense: w/ *jealousy* calling for *zeal* [cf 2C 2:4]. Dennis Johnson: cannot ignore Jesus' knock: open or be judged.

**7th: Promises to the Overcomers - v21**

1. *He who overcomes* - living Xn life - sanctification, persevering faith
2. Jesus' experience shared w/ overcomer: enthronement
  - i. Jesus' resurrection - ascension - enthronement. Rv 5 [Mk 16:19; Eph 1:20; Heb 1:3; 8:1; 12:2]. Jesus is presently reigning [Amillennial].
3. Victorious reign of saints - Dan 7:27; 1C 6:2-3; 2T 2:12
  - i. Rv 22:5 eternal state described as an everlasting *reign*.
  - ii. Rv 20:4 martyred witnesses seated on thrones
4. Rv 3:20 & v21 - 2 words are repeated; 2 similar acts
  - i. 2 words: w/ *Me*. 2 act: sit w/ Jesus: *dine w/ Me & sit w/ Me on throne*.
  - ii. Connect Lord's Table & Lord's Throne. Those who open door in v20 are the overcomers of v21.
  - iii. Lk 22:28-30 Lord's Supper = context for promise of Lord's Throne.

**8th: The Command to Hear What the Spirit Says - v22**

1. Learn "Trinitarian Grammar": enthroned Jesus [son] w/ Father, sends HS who speaks words that come from Jesus' mouth.

## LAODICEA: BE ZEALOUS, PART 3 - Rv 3:19-22

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2. The final promise to the overcomer in Rv 3 sets us up for Jn's vision of throne-room in Rv 4-5 - the setting for many scenes in Rv. Here is where our worship transpires in anticipation of our destined enthronement.

### Applic #1: Take Responsibility for Your Zeal for Jesus

1. *Be zealous & repent* - is "emotional obedience" possible? Aren't emotions involuntary rxns to stimuli? If so, place what is good before eye of faith & react w/ good emotions.
2. v18 *I advise you to buy from Me...* realize the value of true riches in Jesus.
3. Zeph 1:12-14a confess: *stagnant heart* - Jesus says *be zealous & repent*
4. The concern is our love, Why idolatry = adultery; why heartless worship is a travesty of covenant love.

### Applic #2: Keep Seeking the Things Above - Col 3:1-4 & Eph 2:4-7

1. Get heart into heaven before res'd body. Run race w/ eyes on Jesus.
2. Challenge: to love Jesus more than trinkets of Vanity Fair.

### Applic #3: Engage Your Heart in the Means of Grace - Lord's Supper

1. Why do different Xns respond differently to the same means of grace?
2. Calibrate conscience - evaluate comparative worth of what Mammon promises & what the enthroned King Jesus promises. *Do not judge according to appearance, but judge w/ righteous judgment* - Jn 7:14
3. Come to LT, not only to remember what Jesus has done for you in the past, but *dine* w/ Him now - a foretaste of the marriage feast of Lamb.