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a study in revelation

#4.5 “The Last Word to the Church”

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Famous Last Words of Scripture WERE GIVEN FOR THE CHURCH FOR COMMUNITY FORMATION

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ^{5a} and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth... Rev. 1:4-6

Jesus provides TRAINING TO THE CHURCH

Through AFFIRMATION, CORRECTION, & PROMISE

IV. Revelation 2:18-28 To the Church in Thyatira

¹⁸ “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. ²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet...²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations...²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Every Church receives Training in HOLINESS

Affirming THEIR INSATIABLE PURSUIT, Correcting

PERMISSIVENESS, Promising AN ENDURING KINGDOM

PERSPECTIVE

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.
Matthew 16:18 NLT

V. Revelation 3:1-6 To the Church in Sardis

3:1 “To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead...⁴ Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy... I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.⁶ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Every Church receives Training in AUTHENTICITY

Affirming THE RIGHTEOUS REMNANT, Correcting

HYPOCRISY, Promising RESTORATION

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

VI. Revelation 3:7-13 To the Church in Philadelphia

7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David...⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars...¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth...¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it...¹³ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Every Church receives Training in MISSION

Affirming DEVOTION, Correcting DECEIVERS, Promising

DELIVERANCE & DOMAIN

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matt. 28:18-20

VII. Revelation 3:14-22 To the Church in Laodicea

¹⁴ "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. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ 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... ²⁰ 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. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Every Church receives Training in WORSHIP

Affirming GOD'S GRACE, Correcting HALF-HEARTEDNESS,

Promising INTIMACY

²³⁻²⁴ "It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration." John 4:23-24 MSG