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Pt. 5 – “7 Things Jesus Expects Of His Church”
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GOD IS _____...BUT HE’S SO MUCH _____ THAN THAT TOO.

“When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across His chest. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And His eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and His voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in His right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from His mouth. And His face was like the sun in all its brilliance. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, “Don’t be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living One. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.””
Revelation 1:12-18 (NLT)

7 THINGS JESUS EXPECTS FROM HIS CHURCH

1. BE _____ BY _____ IN ALL THAT WE THINK, SAY & DO.

To The Church At Ephesus: “I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people...You have patiently suffered for Me without quitting. “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love Me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to Me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.”
Revelation 2:2-5 (NLT)

2. _____ WITH GRACE & GRIT.

To The Church At Smyrna: “I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer...But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.”
Revelation 2:9-10 (NLT)

3. REFUSE TO _____ GOD’S _____.

To The Church At Pergamum: “I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to Me. You refused to deny Me even when Antipas, My faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city. “But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin... Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.”
Revelation 2:13-16 (NLT)

4. REFUSE TO _____ GOD’S _____.

To The Church At Thyatira: “I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. “But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead My servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality. “Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds.”

Revelation 2:19-22 (NLT)

5. BE MORE CONCERNED WITH OUR _____ THAN OUR _____.

To The Church At Sardis: “I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to Me again. If you don’t wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.”

Revelation 3:2-3 (NLT)

6. STAY _____, EVEN WHEN YOUR _____ ARE DIFFICULT.

To The Church At Philadelphia: “I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed My word and did not deny Me...Because you have obeyed My command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown.”

Revelation 3:8-11 (NLT)

7. STAY FOCUSED ON OUR _____, NOT WHAT MAKES US _____.

To The Church At Laodicea: “I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth! You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from Me—from that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from Me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.”

Revelation 3:15-19 (NLT)

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear My voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with Me on My throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on His throne. “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches.”

Revelation 3:20-22 (NLT)