

PUT UP OR SHUT UP – AND STOP PLAYING CHRISTIANITY

I have often wondered about the scripture in Revelation that talks about Laodicea, and what they did that made Yeshua want to vomit them from His mouth. He mentioned that they were neither hot or cold and that he would rather that they either be one or the other; however they were lukewarm. What exactly is lukewarm?

chliaros: metaph. of the condition of the soul wretchedly fluctuating between a torpor and a fervour of love Of course I had to look up torpor; never heard of that word before:

Torpor: a state of physical or mental inactivity; lethargy. Synonyms – lethargy, sluggishness, inertia, inactivity, lifelessness, listlessness, langour, lassitude, laziness, idleness, indolence, sloth, acedia, passivity, somnolence, weariness, sleepiness.

So by definition, the Church of Laodicea, which Yeshua said he wanted to vomit from his mouth is a church where maybe the worship is wonderful (by today's standards, oy vey) and the people tend to be on fire for Yahweh, yet they really don't get anything accomplished, or worse yet, they make clones of themselves. It is a church where people promote love and grace, yet they don't want to love you enough to tell you the truth if you are in error, and a church where grace is used as license to do some of the most stupid and unorthodox things imaginable in order to show what they perceive to be love and grace. It is a church that wants to emulate the world, to take on the world's ways, yet they are ashamed to be the light on top of the hill and they are deathly afraid to offend anyone with the truth.

I've gone around and around with people who have allowed themselves to be models of the world instead of models for this world. The sort of people who let their light shine on top of the bushel while they're in church, but when they're with their unbeliever friends they hide the light under the bushel so that they don't defend them. I hear how they like to "love everyone," like scripture tells us to do. Well, to me, love is telling someone that they are dying in their sin and they need to come to the master physician. I have heard countless lukewarm people say that they want to love people into the kingdom. Well, telling a dying person that there is hope, sharing that hope and bringing them to that hope is the best way to show love. Deep down, these "believers" don't want to share with their supposed "friends" because they know that when that happens there is a good chance their friends will bolt and won't ever talk to them again, or even worse, they will be ostracized from their whole group of supposed friends who will see them as a

religious fanatic or a Jesus Freak. Frankly, speaking for myself, and hopefully many of you, I would rather have a person hate my guts, knowing that I tried to present them with the Gospel than to appease them and someday have them file past me on their way to the Lake of Fire and have them look at me and say, “why didn’t you ever tell me? I thought you said you loved me?”

I’ve talked to people such as this. I ask them why they go out of their way to fellowship with unbelievers. I ask them why they are willing to go to single’s bars, why they are willing to participate in things that believers really should not partake in. They usually tell me that they are with these people to love them. The funny thing is, when you ask them if they’ve talked seriously to their friends about Yeshua, they’ll usually tell you that they are planting seeds, meaning that they are there to emulate Yeshua before their friends. However, when you look at their lives, they are usually becoming more like their unsaved friends rather than their friends being drawn to the Yeshua that is supposedly inside of them. They usually cannot tell you of one, if any friends that they have brought to faith in Yeshua. They begin to accept the lifestyles of their friends and will defend those lifestyles, saying that Yeshua loves everyone. Well, yes, He does, but He cannot and will not accept sin or participating in sin as a viable way of witnessing to sinners. Some will say, well, Yeshua ate with sinners. Yes, but read the whole story. He ate with them, but did not partake in their sin, and he always took time to tell them about himself, his mission and every time the sinners would ask him what they needed to do to be saved.

The Church of Laodicea is made up of people who honor Yahweh with their mouths, but their hearts are far from Him. They’re quick to talk about grace and love, because they know that those two things are acceptable to all people. They fail to recognize that Yahweh demands accountability and that He has set up laws of reciprocity; you get what you give out; and when they, on rare occasion do recognize this it is usually ascribed to someone who has been preaching grace and accountability; stating that these things are happening because those people lacked grace and love. In addition, because they have no idea about reciprocity and having to be accountable for their actions, they use the word “karma” (a pagan word from a pagan religion) to describe what is happening to the person they see as not having love.

The Church of Laodicea members will usually blame any ills that come upon them as “a tool of the enemy,” or “something brought upon them by Satan.” For instance, a person who develops heart disease because they were gluttons all of their lives isn’t suffering because they are a glutton, but because the Devil has it out for them. The person who smoked five packs of cigarettes a day and now has lung cancer; well, he is being attacked by a demon of cancer. The Church of Laodicea likes to take on an air of Faith, but they cannot accept that disobedience

brought something into a person's life simply because there was no disobedience because they were "under grace."

The Church of Laodicea will often include the attributes of Yahweh in their sermons and their discussions, but they often neglect to talk about Yahweh Himself. Again, they talk about love and grace, because that is what they love to hear, but they will hardly never talk about obedience to Yahweh and that there are just some actions that Yahweh will never approve of. They get around accountability by, you guessed it, love and grace. As I mentioned above, we're commanded by Yahweh to be lights shining in the darkness to bring light to a dark world. We're supposed to be the salt of the earth; salt brings flavor and it is a preservative. We're not to cast our pearls before the swine and we're not to offer what is holy to dogs.

You see, I know what I am talking about because I used to be one of those swine and dogs. I had a good friend, a man who called himself a Christian who used to hang out with us and party with us when I was a teenager. We'd smoke marijuana, drink beer and get totally blitzed, and so would this friend. This friend would say that he was a follower of Jesus and that Jesus came to set us free, but he never went any farther. Not that it would have mattered because the message would not get through the drug induced haze. This friend would never talk about Yahweh when we were sober and we had our right minds. Had he done so some of us would have probably listened a lot sooner to the calling that Yahweh was voicing to us. To us, this friend was a fool, someone who didn't practice what he preached. I knew a little about scripture from my adolescent days. I knew about being a light, about the salt, and I knew about love and grace. This friend never told me about hell and the consequences I would reap because of the things that I was doing. He never told me about sin, and that the wages of sin was death, and that I was on a fast track to that death. In my mind, if there was wrongdoing, then this fellow was twice as guilty as I was because he supposedly knew better, yet he chose to fellowship with darkness while he hid his light under his bushel. Only Yahweh knows what would have happened if this friend would have taken me aside during a lucid moment and spoken the truth to me. Perhaps I would have come to faith a few years earlier and not have experienced some of the awful things that I did. I'm not going to say that I wouldn't have been mad if this friend had spoken to me at lucid times; but, I would have taken it to heart, mulled it over and who knows, perhaps pray about it. But why listen to a man who wanted to become darkness to tell us about light; a man with his candle almost snuffed out. Why even think about Holiness, sin and/or hurting Yahweh when this guy was doing the same thing; there was no reason.

The perishing world sees the Church of Laodicea for what it is. Some see it as a place where you can feign salvation in order to hang out with people, still do the things you do and have these supposed Christians love you right into hell without them ever telling you about accountability. Others go there because they're only going to hear a message about love and grace. They see it as a place where sin is rarely brought up in a sermon, and when it is, it is always trumped by grace. The sinner never has a chance to see what the wages really are and so they don't fully understand why grace is needed. The Church of Laodicea tends to grow leaps and bounds. People see it as a place where people are not judgmental; they are full of love. Judgment is a big deal today in the church, in that is avoided like the plague. There are several words in the Greek language that mean "judge" and they all have different definitions of "judge." Most of the time when a Christian accuses another brother or sister of being judgmental, they misquote scripture. Many of these scriptures talk about judgment as "condemnation," which is assigning someone to prison or capital punishment. Most of the time, when the Brit Hadasha talks about not judging, it is using that very connotation. However, scripture is quite clear about judging (determining) is something that should or should not be done. For example, if I walk up to a Christian and tell them that they are going to hell because they just got a tattoo; that is passing a sentence; something that only Yahweh is to do. On the other hand, if a brother or sister gets a tattoo, and I ask them if it was a wise thing to do; if they considered the possibility of getting hepatitis, if the tattoo brings glory to Yeshua and if Yahweh really wants us to tattoo, that is not condemnation, it is helping that person to understand something that they might not have understood before. Chances are that the Ruach Ha Kodesh was speaking to them beforehand and I just confirmed something. If the person listens, then perhaps this will be the first and last tattoo he will get and if he or she is really convicted, they might even get it removed. However, if it is an act that is unpleasing to Yahweh, and I say nothing, this person will continue to grieve the Ruach Ha Kodesh. Yahweh has a hard time using people who are continually disobedient and sometimes he will suspend a Ruach Ha Kodesh gift or calling until the person gets right with Him.

I've said the following before, but probably not enough because things are still in a decline and people just don't want to listen. We are in a time of history where the time of the Gentiles is over. The Age of Grace is rapidly coming to a close. Yahweh sees that the wheat is ready for harvest and he is separating the tares from the wheat. He's showing false believers for who they are and He is allowing them to grow worse in their sin. He is drawing a clear demarcation line in the sand and He is saying, much like Moshe did at Sinai, "whoever is for Yahweh, come to me." He is calling for his Elect to come out of the Church of Laodicea, once and for all. He is saying, "come out of her My Children so that you don't suffer in her plagues." When everything comes

to a head, there will be only two camps; those who are obedient to Yahweh, who realize that there is accountability that comes with grace; and there are the others who will continue to wax colder and colder, who will pervert grace beyond any limits that Yahweh ever intended for it; who will pervert love beyond its envelope. The question is, which side will you be on. Will you come to Yahweh's side of the line in the sand, walk with him and obey him? Or, will you continue to pervert love and grace and abhor responsibility and obedience. Are you a wheat, or are you a tare? Will you fall to the threshing floor like the wheat or be carried away by the wind to be burned in the fire. Are you a sheep, or are you a goat? Are you Yahweh's seed, or the seed of the man of perdition?

The questions above are all difficult, but if you are called by Yahweh then they are really easy questions to answer. The next question is, will you finally get serious about being a believer in Yeshua? Are you willing to separate yourself from this world and to walk and live in Yahweh's Kingdom; obedient and free. You know the right answers. Yahweh's Ruach has been tugging at your heart for a very long time. End your rebellion, turn around and repent. Put up or shut up. Be a Believer of Yeshua and not just a believer in Yeshua. Quit playing Churchianity, because trust me, that road only goes one place, and it isn't Heaven.