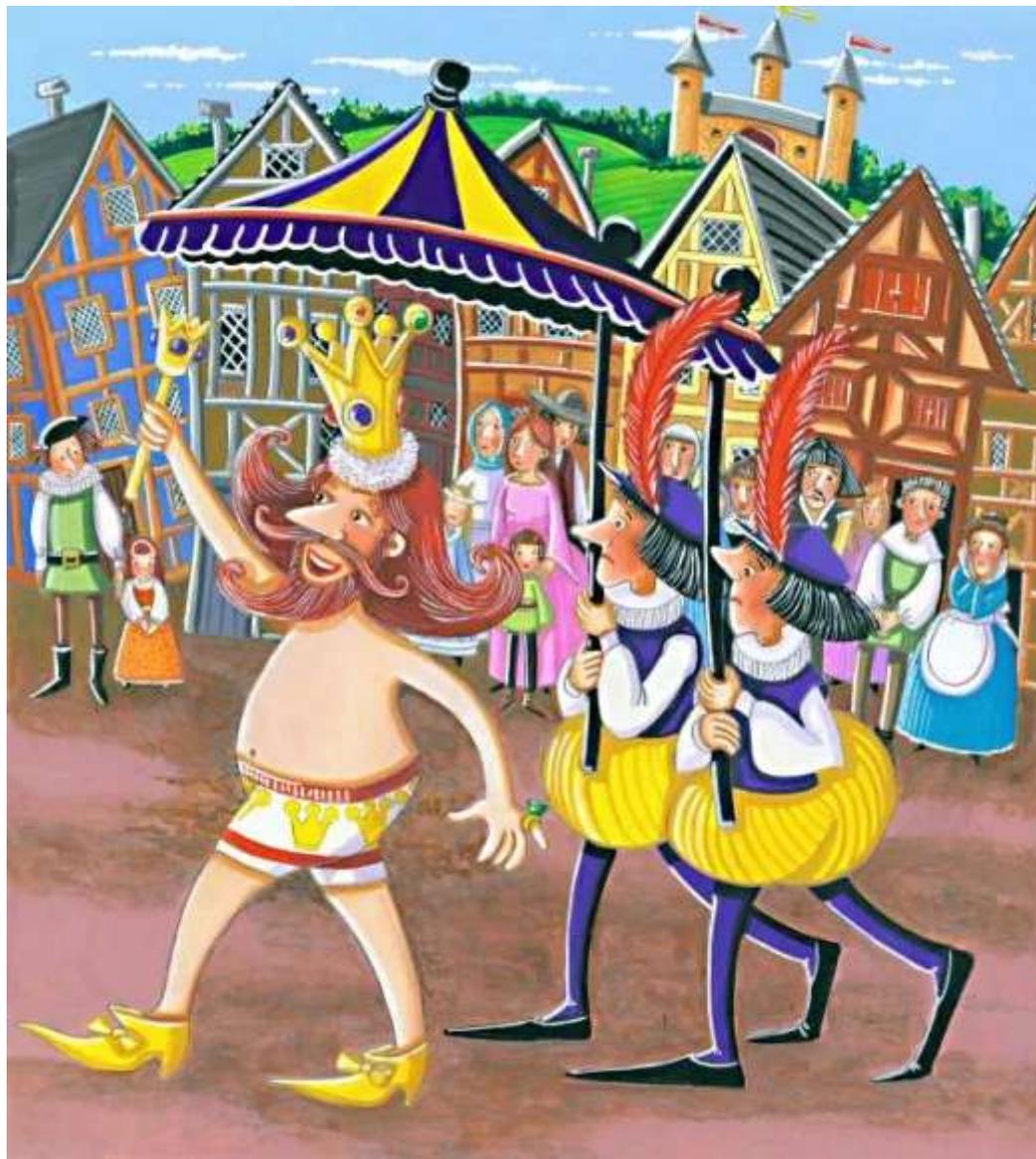


主疼愛的教會(四)
主所疼愛的老底嘉教會
The Church of Laodicea:
The Church that God Loves

啟示錄3:14-22

Revelation 3:14-22

皇帝的新衣



老底嘉教會

The church in Laodicea

- **自認為一無所缺**
- **主看來一無所有**

老底嘉城 City of Laodicea

- 皮里紐 (第二世紀) 稱為 “一個最傑出的城市”
- 金融中心: 西塞羅 Cicero 曾用信用狀在此提取現金
- 製衣業中心: 紫黑羊毛外衣通售全國
- 醫藥中心: 眼藥粉遠近馳名
- 塔西圖羅馬國史錄: AD61 地震後自力重建

1. 基督的自述 (啟3:14)

CHRIST DESCRIBES HIMSELF (REV 3:14)

基督的自述 (啟 Rev. 3:14)

- (現中修訂版) ... 『那位「阿們」，就是**忠實可靠的**見證者 ... the Amen, the faithful and true witness
- (和合版) ... 在神創造萬物之上**為元首的** ... the ruler of God's creation
- 阿們 = 我實實在在的告訴你
- 忠實可靠 = **唯他**是真理
- 為元首的 = **終端**的裁判者

啟示錄 Revelation 20:11-12

- **11** 我又看見一個白色的大寶座與坐在上面的；從他面前天地都逃避，再無可見之處了。
Then I saw **a great white throne and him who was seated on it**. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.
- **12** 我又看見死了的人，無論大小，都站在寶座前。案卷展開了，並且另有一卷展開，就是生命冊。死了的人都憑著這些案卷所記載的，**照他們所行的受審判**。
And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead **were judged according to what they had done** as recorded in the books.

哥林多後書 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

- **9** 所以，無論是住在身內，離開身外，我們立了志向，要得主的喜悅。
So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
- **10** 因為我們眾人**必要在基督臺前顯露出來**，叫各人按著本身所行的，或善或惡受報。
For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

哥林多前書 1 Corinthians 3:13-14

- **13** 各人的工程必然顯露，因為那日子要將他表明出來，有火發現；這火要試驗各人的工程怎樣。

his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and **the fire will test the quality of each man's work.**

- **14** 人在那根基上所建造的工程若存得住，他就要得賞賜。

If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

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加拉太書 Galatians 1:10

- **10** 我現在是要得人的心呢？**還**
是要得神的心呢？我豈是討人
的喜歡麼？若仍舊討人的喜歡，
我就不是基督的僕人了。

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

2. 教會的問題

PROBLEMS WITH THE CHURCH

不冷不熱 = 一無是處

- **希拉玻立: 礦水溫泉能治病**
- **歌羅西: 冷卻沈澱, 清澈解渴**
- **老底嘉: 不冷不熱, 一無用處**

馬太福音 Matthew 5:13, 25:30

- 13 你們是世上的鹽。鹽若失了味，怎能叫他再鹹呢？以後無用，不過丟在外面，被人踐踏了。

"You are the salt of the earth. **But if the salt loses its saltiness**, how can it be made salty again? It is **no longer good for anything**, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

- 30 把這無用的僕人丟在外面黑暗裡；在那裡必要哀哭切齒了。
And throw that **worthless servant** outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

高傲自滿

➤ 錢財成為網羅：

- 建築物
- 幼兒園
- 存款
- 地皮

➤ 缺乏信心的操練

彼得前書 1 Peter 1:7

- 7 叫你們的**信心既被試驗**，就比那**被火試驗仍然能壞的金子**更顯寶貴，可以在耶穌基督顯現的時候得著稱讚、榮耀、尊貴。

These have come so that **your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine** and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

衣服代表尊貴身份

- 約瑟 Joseph (創 Gen. 41:42)
- 但以理 Daniel (但 Dan. 5:29)
- 末底改 Mordecai (斯 Est. 6:6)
- 浪子 The Prodigal Son (路 Luke 15:22)
- 古早教會受浸者穿**白衣**

加拉太書 Galatians 3:27

羅馬書 Romans 13:14

- 27 你們受洗歸入基督的都是披戴基督了。
for all of you who were baptized into Christ **have clothed yourselves with Christ.**
- 14 總要披戴主耶穌基督，不要為肉體安排，去放縱私慾。
Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

眼藥 = 要有主的眼光

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眼光 - 天韻詩歌 (HD版)

3. 主的請求

THE DEMANDS OF THE LORD

1. 主說, “我愛你”

- “凡我所**疼愛**的, 我就**責備管教**他” Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.
- **疼愛** [希臘文 *Philein*] = 親情的, 溫柔體貼的關懷
- 全本新約**唯一的一次**, 最感性的愛
- 這是我**最疼愛**的人
- 主有**絕對的權柄定罪**
- 但是主選擇**解釋**

2. 主說, “我對你有期盼”

- “凡我所疼愛的, 我就責備管教他”
“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.”

詩篇 Psalm 94:12

- 12 耶和華啊，你所**管教**、用律法所**教訓**的人是**有福**的！

Blessed is the man you discipline, O Lord, the man you teach from your law;

約伯記 Job 5:17

- 17 神所懲治的人是**有福**的！所以你不可輕看**全能者的管教**。

"Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

哥林多前書 1 Corinthians 11:32

- 32 我們受審的時候，乃是**被主懲治**，免得我們**和世人一同定罪**。

When we are **judged by the Lord**, we are being disciplined so that we **will not be condemned with the world.**

希伯來書 Hebrews 12:6-8

- 6 因為主所愛的，他必管教，又鞭打凡所收納的兒子。
because **the Lord disciplines those he loves**, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."
- 7 你們所忍受的，是神管教你們，待你們如同待兒子。焉有兒子不被父親管教的呢？
Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you **as sons**. For what son is not disciplined by his father?
- 8 管教原是眾子所共受的，你們若不受管教，就是私子，不是兒子了。
If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

竹子與主人

約翰福音 John 15:2

- 2 凡屬我不結果子的枝子，他就剪去；凡結果子的，他就修理乾淨，使枝子結果子更多。

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, **while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes** so that it will be even more fruitful.

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6 三與我

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你若不壓橄欖成渣

3. 主說, “要當機立斷”

- “所以你要發熱心, 也要悔改”

So be earnest, and repent.

- 發熱心: 現在命令式 = 連續不斷的行動
- 要悔改: 過去命令式 = 斷然的決志

4. 主說：“讓我進來”

- “看哪，我站在門外叩門，若有聽見我聲音就開門的，我要進到他那裡去，我與他他與我一同坐席。”

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 him, and he with me.

- 老底嘉教會一無是處，因他是將主關在門外的教會 ...



一同坐席 = 共同生活起居

- 希腊文化一日三餐
- 早餐: *Akratisma*
- 午餐: *Ariston*
- 晚餐 (每日主要的一頓): *Deipnon*

- “一同坐席” 是吃那一餐?

詩篇 Psalm 128:2-4

- 2 你要吃勞碌得來的；你要享福，事情順利。

You will **eat the fruit of your labor**; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

- 3 你妻子在你的內室，好像多結果子的葡萄樹；你兒女圍繞你的桌子，好像橄欖栽子。

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots **around your table**.

- 4 看哪，敬畏耶和華的人必要這樣蒙福！

Thus is the man **blessed** who fears the Lord .

同餐 = 共同生活 = 同榮

- “得勝的，我要賜他在我寶座上**與我同坐**，就如我得了勝，在我父的寶座上**與他同坐**一般。”

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to **sit with me** on my throne, just as I overcame and **sat down with my Father** on his throne.

結語: 進入我的心

- 不要再倚靠你的錢財, 要信靠主
- 不要再仰仗你的自義, 要披戴基督
- 不要自以為聰明, 要以基督的眼光看事
- 打開你的心, 歡迎耶穌進入你的生命
- 這是主耶穌對你的**請求!**

➤ **你肯讓主耶穌進來掌管嗎?**