



AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS
- JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCH -



NOTHING POSITIVE TO SAY

Revelation 3:14-22

Jesus is the final authority for the church.

Write to the angel of the church in Laodicea:
Thus says the Amen, the faithful and true
witness, the originator of God's creation:

Revelation 3:14 CSB

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These people continually anger me to my face, sacrificing in gardens, burning incense on bricks, sitting among the graves, spending nights in secret places, eating the meat of pigs, and putting polluted broth in their bowls. They say, 'Keep to yourself, don't come near me, for I am too holy for you!' These practices are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

Isaiah 65:3-5 CSB

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Whoever asks for a blessing in the land will ask for a blessing by the God of truth, and whoever swears in the land will swear by the God of truth. For the former troubles will be forgotten and hidden from my sight. For I will create new heavens and a new earth.

Isaiah 65:16-17a CSB

**What do I do when I'm spiritually
off track?**

Look into the mirror of Scripture.

I have treasured your word in my heart that I
might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11 CSB

The mission of Jesus is the mission of the church.

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am going to vomit you out of my mouth. For you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:15-17 CSB

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You are to keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and do them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live will not vomit you out.

Leviticus 20:22 CSB

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For if, having escaped the world's impurity through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in these things and defeated, the last state is worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy command delivered to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb: A dog returns to its own vomit, and a washed sow returns to wallowing in the mud.

2 Peter 2:20-22 CSB

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For her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Pay her back the way she also paid, and double it according to her works. In the cup in which she mixed, mix a double portion for her. As much as she glorified herself and indulged her sensual and excessive ways, give her that much torment and grief. For she says in her heart, "I sit as a queen; I am not a widow, and I will never see grief."

Revelation 18:5-7 CSB

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Revelation 3:15-17 CSB

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I advise you to buy from me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be zealous and repent. See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. To the one who conquers I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

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Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water; and you without silver, come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without silver and without cost!

Isaiah 55:1 CSB

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Man I have come to my garden—my sister, my bride. I gather my myrrh with my spices. I eat my honeycomb with my honey. I drink my wine with my milk.

Narrator Eat, friends! Drink, be intoxicated with caresses!

Woman I was sleeping, but my heart was awake. A sound! My love was knocking!

Man Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my perfect one. For my head is drenched with dew, my hair with droplets of the night.

Song of Songs 5:1-2 CSB

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