

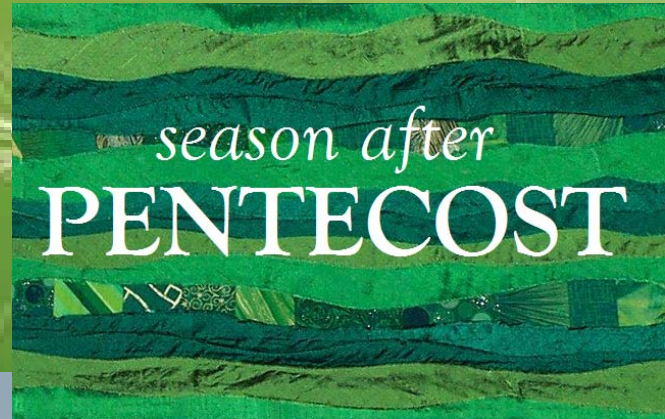


Thrive.

DEFINITION

Thrive: |THRĭv | - verb

1. to do more of what you live for
2. to be brought back to life, strength, or power
3. to flourish, prosper, blossom, expand, succeed
4. to grow or develop vigorously
5. to be significant or important



season after
PENTECOST

**Season of Accelerated
Growth and Harvest**



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Microsites to Thrive:

Seven Churches that Reveal

THE POWER OF

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1. Like the Beginning
2. Be Faithful While Suffering
3. Against False Teachings and Sinful Practices
4. In the Midst of Sexual Immorality
5. Constantly Awakening
6. Patiently Endure
7. Go Cool Like Gold Refined

Begin Kingdom-tide

at *Microsites of Savage & Lanham*



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CHURCH

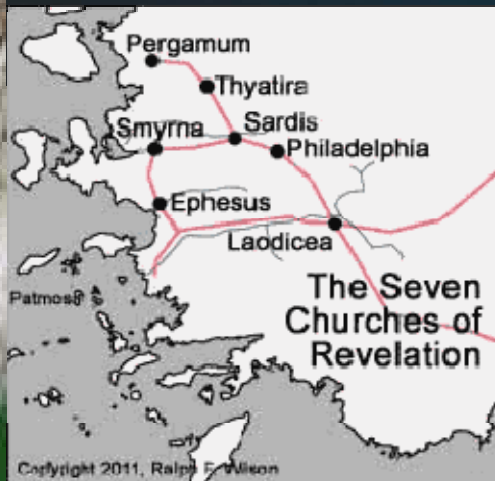
Revelation 3:14-22

A Step Further to Excellence in Life and Ministry

God calls His people away from mediocrity and self-reliance to repentance and fellowship with Himself.

— Revelation 3:14-22 —

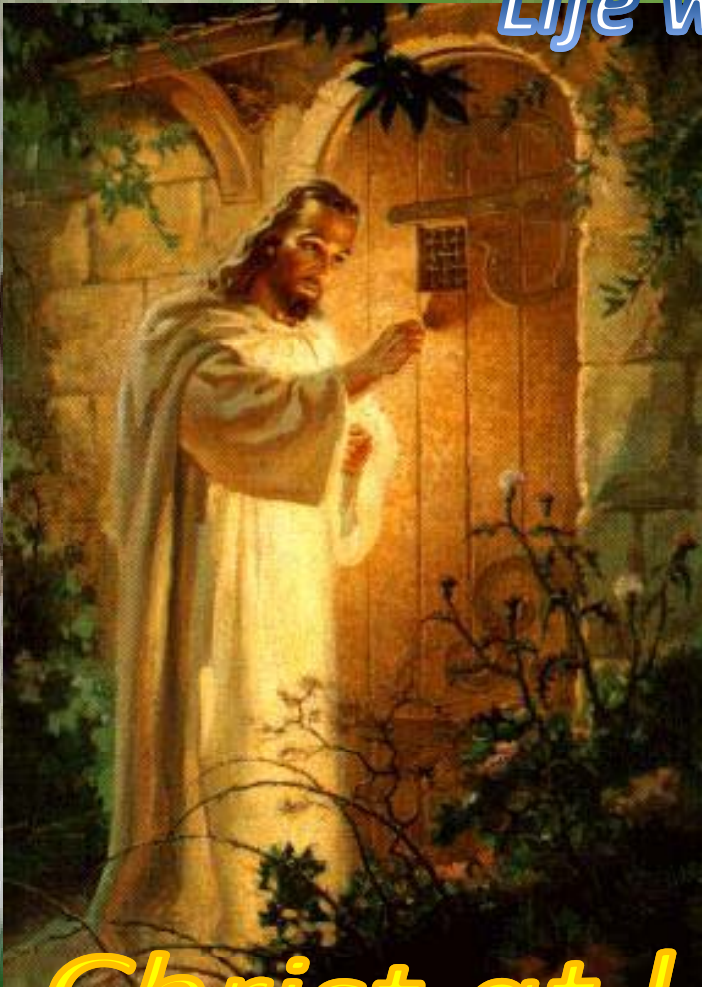
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LAODICEA
LUKEWARM CHRISTIANITY

Revelation 3:14-22

Life with Christ That Thrives



Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

– Revelation 3:20 KJV

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Christ at Heart's Door

Revelation 3:14-22

Open to Corrections

I correct and
discipline everyone
I love. So be
diligent and turn
from your
indifference.

- Revelation 3:19

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.

Revelation 3:21

Revelation 3:14-22

Lessons for the Affluent Churches


- *Founded by Antiochus II of Syria about the middle of 3rd century B.C. and named after his wife Laodice;*

- *One of the **richest commercial centers** of Asia Minor; Known for banking, linen/wood industry; Also a **chief medical center** of Phrygia, esp. for eye slave;*

- *Tacitus wrote that after an earthquake (A.D. 61), they were able to rebuild the city without Rome's help; **Unfortunately this wealth also made them to rely on their own and not on God.***

- *Under **Paul's evangelism work** in a cluster of cities of Colossae, Hierapolis and Laodicea (Acts 19:10)*





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I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16

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No one can serve two masters

Either you will love the one and hate the other
or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other
You cannot serve both God and money

Matthew 6:24 NIV



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"Vision doesn't
follow money.
Money follows
vision."

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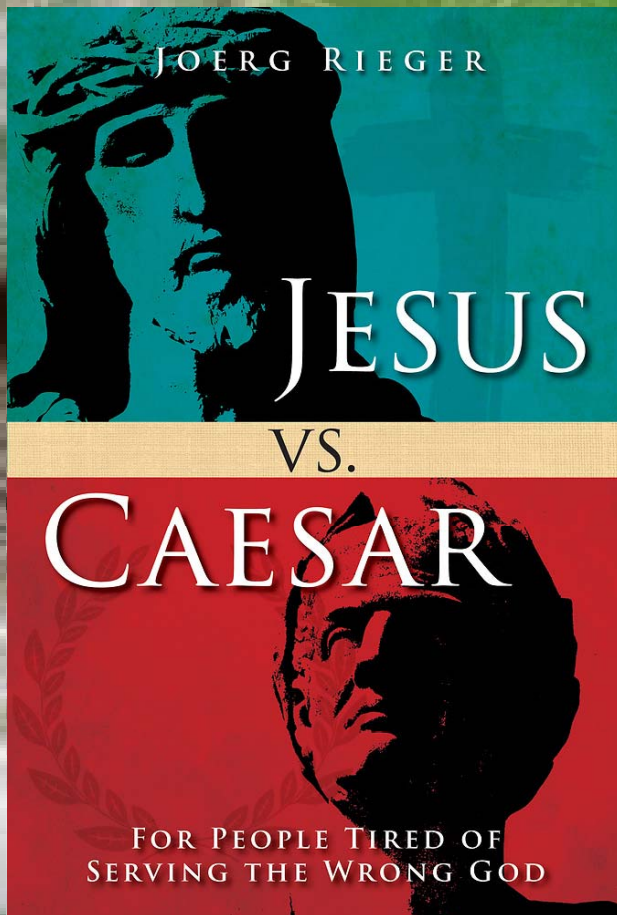
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When we observe a tension between Jesus and Caesar, we acknowledge that a fundamental tension remains at the heart of Christianity.

The tension is not between religion and atheism or secularism.

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The tension is located within the heart of Christianity itself because it is a radical conflict between faith that is life-giving for all and faith that is damaging and destructive of people and the earth.

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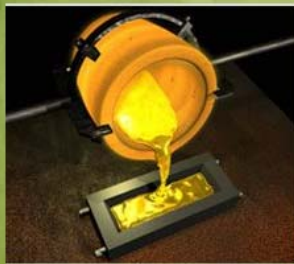
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The Church at Laodicea

“I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.” Rev. 3:18



Revelation 3:14-22

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“**crushers**” to reduce the ore to small gravel-sized pieces. ...

Next, **water is added** to make a slurry ... pulp. ... the gold is **chemically** extracted with cyanide and oxygen. A very messy process.

... it finally goes into the **smelter** at 2100 degrees F. But the gold isn't pure yet. It still needs **refining** ... a **process** that takes the impurities out of gold making it valuable ... by melting the gold again with borax and soda ash.... This typically gives you a 99.9% pure gold

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“Getting Gold Pure”
Eve Out of the Garden
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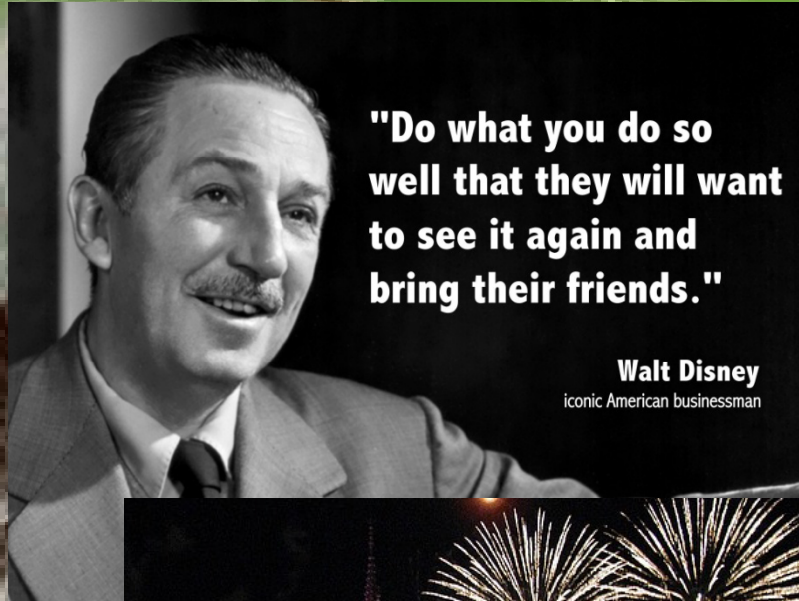
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Global Rank	Amusement park	Guests
1	Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort	20,492,000
2	Disneyland at Disneyland Resort	18,278,000
3	Tokyo Disneyland at Tokyo Disney Resort	16,600,000
5	Tokyo DisneySea at Tokyo Disney Resort	13,600,000
6	Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort	11,798,000
7	Disney's Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort	10,922,000
8	Disney's Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World Resort	10,828,000
9	Disneyland Park at Disneyland Paris	10,360,000
11	Disney California Adventure at Disneyland Resort	9,383,000
19	Hong Kong Disneyland at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort	6,800,000
26	Walt Disney Studios Park at Disneyland Paris	4,440,000

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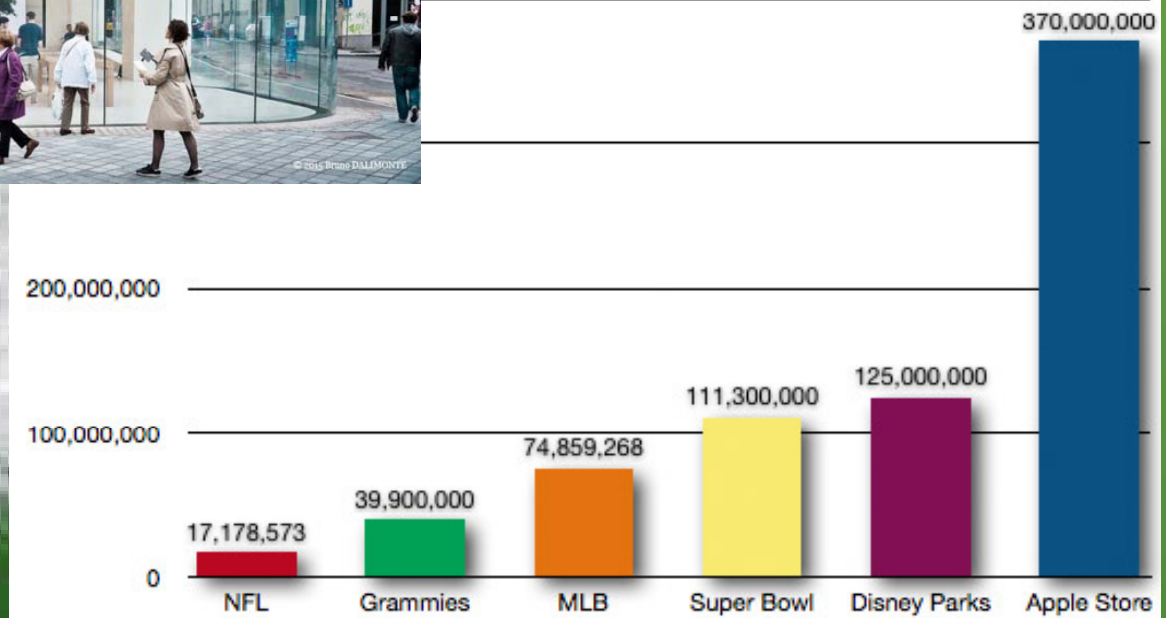
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“Mission of Apple Company”

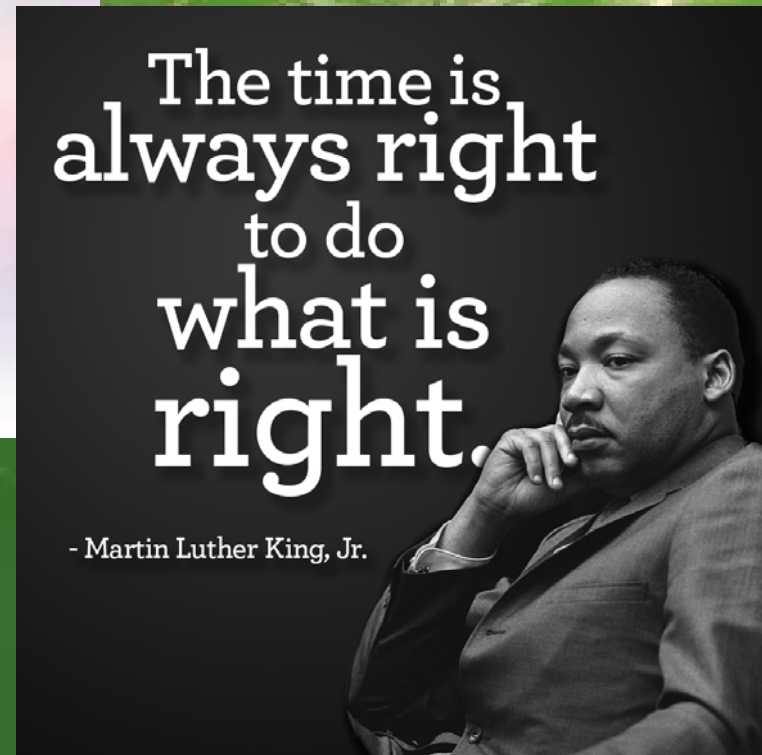
Apple Store Visitors In Perspective



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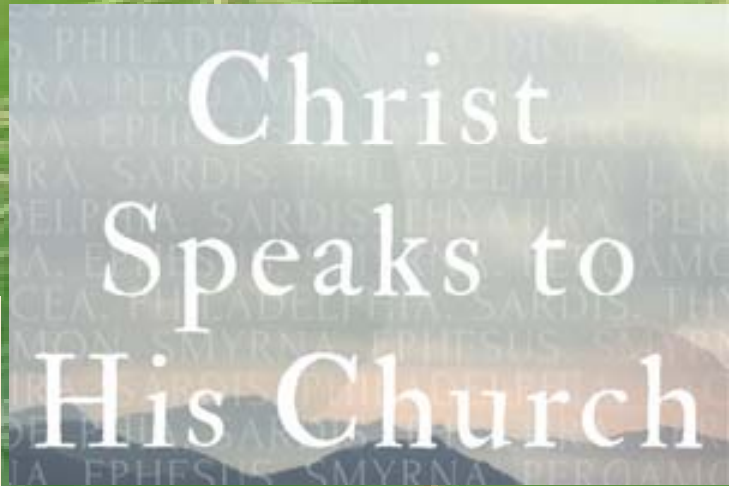


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To him that overcometh
will I grant to sit with me
in my throne, even as I
also overcame, and am
set down with my Father
in his throne.

- Revelation 3:21 KJV

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Revelation 2:7	Ephesus
Revelation 2:11	Smyrna
Revelation 2:17	Pergamos
Revelation 2:26-29	Thyatira
Revelation 3:5-6	Sardis
Revelation 3:12-13	Philadelphia
Revelation 3:21-22	Laodicea

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OUR
HEAVENLY FATHER
LOVES YOU—
EACH OF YOU.
THAT LOVE
NEVER CHANGES. . . .
IT IS SIMPLY
ALWAYS THERE.

President Thomas S. Monson,
September 2013 general Relief Society meeting

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Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:9-11

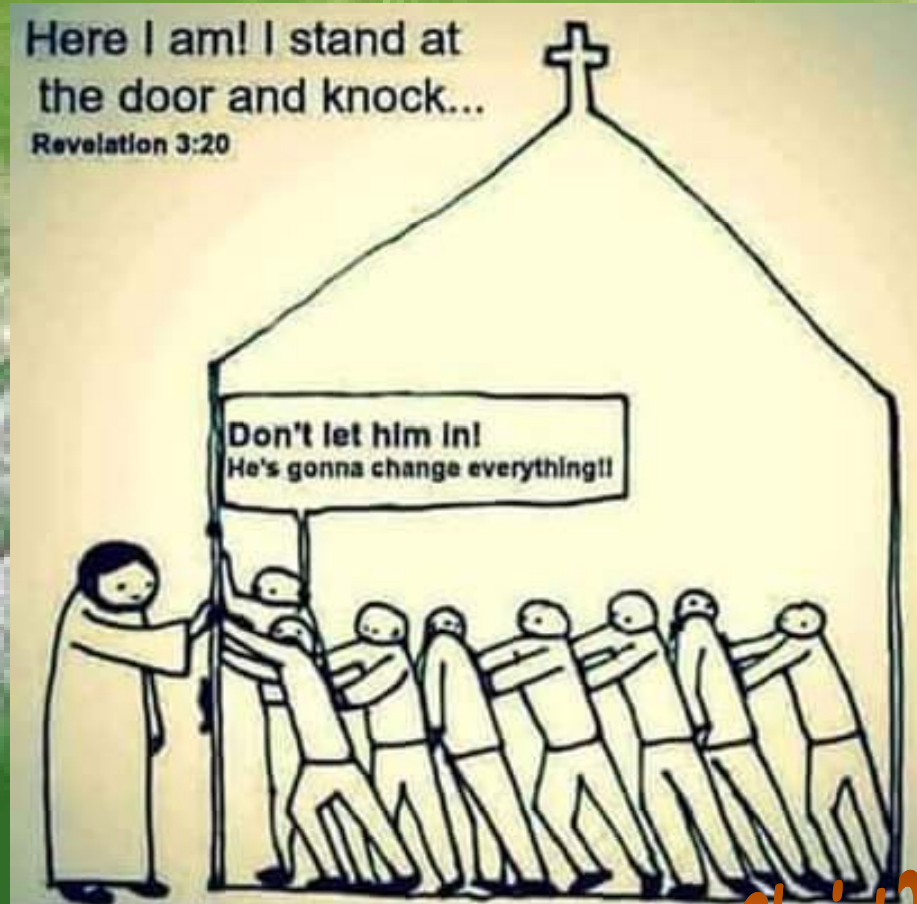
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4. *Make a good relationship with Jesus, he who comes.*

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Are you afraid of being a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

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