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Have you been enjoying the Indian summer? Or is that a another term that has been banned by WOKE? You know the group that is calling for the awareness of social inequities such as racial injustice, sexism and LGBT *rights*.

This is the day of the 'rights of the people' biblically known as "Laodicea."

 $\lambda \alpha \delta \varsigma$ Laos = people $\delta i \kappa \eta$ dice = right or justice

Laodicea is the 7th and last in the church history period which began around 1900. It is the lukewarm church where social gospel is the emphasis; hell is no longer hot, and Christians can live anyway they please. Doctrine is unimportant and "how you make people feel" are the criteria for being a good Christian. Oh by the way, it makes God feel sick. Revelation 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Did you know that the newer translations have ommitted the word "hell" which is used 54 times in the KJV; and used only 17 times in NIV, ESV, RSV, NAS and many others. They use the Greek 'Hades' or 'Sheol' or Hebrew 'Gehenna' words. As for me, I "prefer" to do as Paul told Timothy; <u>Hold fast the form of sound</u> words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Today effeminate ministers have no final authority and wish to placate their congregations with smooth things and they love to have it so. There is nothing new under the sun. Recorded below is the attitude of religious people in days of Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Isaiah 30:10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Jeremiah 5:31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

So where do we fit in, in all this? Where do you want to fit in at? We've got a few options; backslide and let the world continue on its fast track to hell without warning. That seems to be trending. Fight the good fight of faith and earnestly contend for it. That seems to be hard. But I believe that when we follow Jesus we'll be able to endure hardness and have the joy of the Lord for our strength.

Thought on following Jesus: in today's social media there are scores of people that post something and want to gain followers. In other words, look at what they are posting and follow their web postings. Let's do that with what God left us to follow "His words." Read them time and time again and post them.

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- Ro 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.
 - 1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

"HELL A GROWING PLACE"

Isa 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Intro. 23 times in N.T. 15 of which is in the gospels spoken by Jesus 7 times in Psalms 7 times in Proverbs 6 times in Isaiah

Fastest Growing **place** in the earth (literal place) Prov. 15:24; Isaiah 14:9; Mt. 12:49 ...heart of the earth

- 1. Miserable Climate
- 2. No enjoyable Activities
- 3. Wicked Populace
- 4. You're not welcomed
- 5. Why do people go there? Unlike heaven no reservations required.

Tonight at 5:00 "I FOUND A RANSOM"

Job 33:24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center – Thanks for praying. God is honored and the teacher is blessed as well as the residents.

Wed. at 7:00 "thanksgiving testimonies"

Thursday Have a "Blessed Thanksgiving"

Ne 11:17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* **the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer**: ...

Missionary of the week: Ciesielczyk - Amazon

"The first Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued by the revolutionary Continental Congress on November 1, 1777. Authored by Samuel Adams it was one sentence of 360 words, which read in part: "Forasmuch as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to him for benefits received...together with penitent confession of their sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor; and their humble and earnest supplications that it may please God through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance...it is therefore recommended...to set apart Thursday the eighteenth day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feeling of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor...acknowledging with gratitude their obligations to Him for benefits received....To prosper the means of religion, for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth 'in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost'."