

Sunday Session 2 Bible Study – September 14, 2014

"Resistance in Laodicea" – (Revelation 3:15, 16)

Revelation 3:15 – *"I know you works that neither cold you are nor hot; I wish you were either cold or hot."*

Revelation 3:16 – *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot or cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth."* This is the statement of a loving God to the apostate people he loves.

MELLO – I am about to do something... This is a customary present describing something about to occur.

EMESAI – AAInf. Of EMEO – vomit – This is a metaphor of maximum discipline, and the sin unto death.

This is an emphasis of too many of the people's resistance to the Plan of God.

RESISTANCE

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| I. DISILLUSION | VI. CONFUSION | XI. CONFLICT |
| II. INDIFFERENCE | VII. NO TO TRUTH | XII. NO RTF |
| III. REJECTION | VIII. APATHY | XIII. NEGATIVE CHOICE |
| IV. FRANTIC SEARCH | IX. LIFE INTENSIFIES | XIV. MENTAL EMPTINESS |
| V. FRUSTRATION | X. ANTAGONISM | XV. DEMON INFLUENCE |

THE BACKWARD JOURNEY

Descriptions of Backsliding:

1. Drifting off course from Grace – [Galatians 5:4](#)
2. Failing from the Grace of God – [Hebrews 12:15](#)
3. Uncircumcised heart – [Jeremiah 9:15, 16](#)
4. Tortured Soul - [II Peter 2:7, 8](#)
5. Unstable Soul – [II Peter 2:14](#)
6. Lukewarm – [Revelation 3:15, 16](#)
7. Enemy of the Cross – [Philippians 3:18](#)
8. Leaving your first love – [Revelation 2:4](#)
9. Fallen – [Revelation 2:5](#) *"Remember from whence you have fallen..."*

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Resistance to God's Plan

A state of the Christian who has chosen to be non-perceptive to God's Word.

There is primary, secondary and tertiary non-perception.

But actually, there are many different ways a person can be non-perceptive.

Primary non-perception describes the person who deliberately fails to assemble and is rejecting the communication of the WOG.

Secondary non-perception is the person who is sitting in church, but their mind is thinking of other things instead of being restored to fellowship and focusing on the presentation of God's Word. The scripture is saying this person is grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit.

Refusing to use faith and accept and comprehend – This person comes in, but in their minds they refuse to accept by faith and make application of what they are hearing. (Secondary non-perception – James 1:19). We are to be swift to hear and slow to speak, and slow to anger; James 1:20 – The anger of the noble believer does not produce God's Righteousness. James 1:21 – *"Put aside all filthiness ..."*; James 1:22 – *Prove yourselves doers of the Word and not merely hearers who delude themselves*". See also James 4:2

Refusing to be consistent – The person who operates within the framework of God's plan when things are difficult and they are in adversity, but when things smooth out and get better, they drop out into coldness and indifference to God's Word. Without the capacity they need, boredom sets in and then they return to an increasingly rapid descent into a frantic search for happiness and reversionism.

The people in Laodicea came to the point where they felt "we don't need anything", but our Lord says to them: *"You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked."* So He must warn them: if they do not change their minds, they are sadly headed for the sin unto death.