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Who Is Life Song Church? Part 3

Vision: Teaching Answers for Life!

We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative, spoken, living Word of God. Jesus Christ is the Word of God made manifest. We have a biblical world view. We live the Word of God. We are living epistles. The entire Bible is the story of Jesus Christ and God's redemptive plan for mankind.

The Bible took 1,500 years to write, contains 66 books, 40 different authors, and completed over 2,000 years ago. The 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 of the New Testament were canonized by The Council of Hippo in 393 AD. The first pages of the Bible were written over 3,500 years ago. The New Testament is the best attested ancient document in the world. The Bible is the best-selling book of all time.

2 Tim 3:16-17 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Heb 11:3 *By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

Heb 4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Four-Fold Passion of LSC

A passion creates direction and purpose. It compels us to act. It inspires us knowing we have a common goal.

1. Commitments for Christ 2. Creating a God-honoring culture 3. Living the Power of Life Changing Music 4. Reaching the Young and the Young at Heart

1. Commitments for Christ

A more common term people use is "salvation" but we choose the term "commitment" because we believe it accurately describes what is taking place. Through our prayer of repentance, Jesus "saves" us from Hell, but this prayer also recognizes Jesus as Lord. For a true conversion, Jesus must be our Lord as well as our Savior. We make Jesus our Lord by following Him. If we do not follow Him, is He really our Lord? If He is not our Lord, is He really our Savior? You are either all-in, or you are not in at all.

Rom 10:9-11 *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Matt 16:24-26 *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

Matt 10:37-39 *He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.*

The "Lord, Lord" Scriptures indicate Jesus must be the Lord of our lives...these are the words of Jesus

Luke 13:23-27 *And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'*

We must have a relationship with Jesus, not just head knowledge of who He is. This would indicate there are people who know the Bible, but don't know Jesus.

Matt 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, '**Lord, Lord,**' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'"

Lawlessness: NT:458 *anomia* (an-om-ee'-ah) illegality, violation of law, wickedness, iniquity, transgress, unrighteousness.

Matt 25:6-13 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **I do not know you.**' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

Luke 6:46-49 "But why do you call Me '**Lord, Lord,**' and not do the things which I say? 47 Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. 49 But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

In the book of Revelation, the 7th Church is the Church of Laodicea. They were very wealthy and self-sufficient. An earthquake destroyed the city around 60 AD and the refused any financial assistance from Rome, and rebuilt the city on their own. They produced a fine raven-black wool, and eye salve along with having an ample supply of gold.

This self-sufficiency is thought to be the reason for their lukewarm attitude towards the Lord. This is the only church of the 7 listed in Revelation that did not receive a compliment (commendation) from Jesus. Many believe the Church of Laodicea is a reflection of the Church today in America.

Rev 3:15-22 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will **vomit you out of My mouth.** 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked I counsel you to buy from **Me gold refined in the fire**, that you may be rich; (tried and tested by fire) and **white garments**, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; (remove the black garment of fornication) and **anoint your eyes** with eye salve, that you may see; (open your eyes to the Truth) 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Laodicea was the only church that did not get a compliment, was given one of the sternest rebukes, but because of the grace of Father God, was given perhaps the greatest promise of all; to sit on the throne of Jesus Christ!

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."""