

Dear Church

Revelation 3:14 - 22

First, almost any church – even a contemporary congregation – has more in common with one of these historic congregations than with the others. ... Even within each local church one can find these same problems and virtues. For example, some Christians are Ephesian Christians ... while others are Philadelphian Christians ... and so forth. ~Paige Patterson Revelation, Page 75.

Stop Being Self Reliant.

• Colossians 4:16

1. Dear Church, stop being self reliant;

_____ to Me.

A. The Amen. 2 Corinthians 1:20

B. The Faithful and True Witness.

C. The Beginning. John 1:3

2. Dear Church, stop being self reliant; Be

_____ or _____.

• Matthew 6:24, Luke 11:23, James 1:5-6

➤ Would God say we are hot, cold or lukewarm?

3. Dear Church, stop being self reliant;

_____ yourself.

A. Anecdotal (self) evaluation.

B. Empirical (God's) evaluation. Romans 7:24

Self-sufficiency is the direct opposite of faith. ~Paige Patterson Revelation, Page 141



4. Dear Church, stop being self reliant;

_____ My counsel.

A. "Buy" gold. 1 Peter 1:7

B. "Buy" white garments.

C. "Anoint" your eyes

5. Dear Church, stop being self reliant;

_____ to My Word.

A. Be zealous. Hebrews 12:6-8

B. Repent.

C. Open the door.

➤ Is Christ inside or outside? Is He welcomed, loved and honored or excluded, ignored and replaced?

The question to be answered is always the relationship of Christ to the local church [and to each individual member]. Is he on the inside embraced, loved, honored, enthroned, and followed? Or is he on the outside knocking ... ? Paige Patterson Revelation, Page 144

6. Dear Church, stop being self reliant; Be an

_____.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches

What did I hear from God this morning?

What am I going to do, hear or hear and obey?

