Questions on Revelation chapter 3

1. What did Christ mean by saying that the church at Sardis “hast a name that thou livest, and art dead”? Verse 1.

2. What can we say about a congregation of whom Christ said, “I have not found thy works perfect (complete) before God”? Verse 2.

3. Is there anything said that would indicate the church was not always in the death­-like stupor into which it had fallen? Verse 3.

4. Was the majority of the church in Sardis guilty only of sins of omission? Verse 4.

5. What does the white raiment signify? Verse 5.

6. What Old Testament passage is the source of the third title of Christ and what are the implications of the title? Verse 7.

7. What is it that Christ opens and shuts? Verse 7.

8. What three qualities did the church at Philadelphia possess that would enable it to take advantage of the open door? Verse 8.

9. What is the difference between a true Jew and those of the synagogue of Satan? Verse 9. (See Romans 2:28-29)

10. What two promises are given to the church at Philadelphia? Verse 9.

11. Do you think the promise of help in “the hour of temptation” (trial, American Standard Version) refers to “immunity from” or “being brought safely through” temptation or trial? Verse 10.

12. Is the final or second coming under consideration? Verse 11.

13. To what do you think the promise of permanence in the temple of God refers? Verse 12.

14. Do you think Christ (in a passive sense) is a created being, the first of God’s creation; or, (in an active sense) that He is the source of all created beings or things, the active agent of God in creation? Verse 14.

15. What was it about Laodicea that caused the Lord to threaten to “spew” them out of His mouth? Verses 15-16.

16. In what way was His threat like the warnings to the children of Israel when they possessed Canaan? Verse 16. (See Leviticus 20:22)

17. What was the difference in the way that the Laodiceans saw themselves and the way Christ saw them? Verse 17.

18. Is any sarcasm apparent in verse 18?

19. Does Christ really chasten those He loves? If so, what is His object in doing so? Verse 19.

20. What is the condition upon which the church at Laodicea could again have sweet fellowship and “sup” with Christ? Verse 20.

21. As in the other six letters, a reward is promised to the overcomer. What is the reward promised here? Verse 21.

22. Although the promise of this letter is to the church at Laodicea, do you think it includes others also? Verse 22.