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Who are the Laodiceans and when does the Laodicean Era begin? This has been unclear to many of God's people. Their main fear was of becoming Laodicean and not going to the Place of Safety. What does your Bible tell us about this last era Church?

Preamble

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Phi 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression “Holy Ghost” used in the Bible is in error as there are no ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., *nothing* existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no bib-

lical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [God’s Son] might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [the glorified Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of

God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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The book of Revelation talks about a 7th Church of God era that is to come after God's Philadelphia Era Church, His Laodicean Era Church. This Church has been the object of much criticism by the ministry of God's Church according to whom being part of this Church was a sure pathway to loss of salvation. This Church was described as losing its salvation because of it being lukewarm and that to be saved it was necessary to be part of God's Philadelphia Era Church. No true Christian would ever want to be part of the Laodicean Church and we all had to be on our guards to ensure we were not becoming Laodicean as this Church Era is not promised protection from the coming Great Tribulation. According to the sermons then made, the Laodiceans were left by God in the Great Tribulation to jolt them out of their lukewarmness and give them one last chance at salvation but in the process, they would lose their physical lives.

According to the ministry, this last Church of God Era would exist during the Great Tribulation and they would be part of the great martyrdom of God's true saints that was to occur at the fifth seal of the book of Revelation. No one, but no one, wanted to have to go through the Great Tribulation and be martyred.

One of the many false churches of God that arose after the death of Mr. Armstrong and the subsequent destruction of the corporate body of God's Church, preached in the strongest terms that the only way the Laodiceans could be saved was for them to become Philadelphians which

is a gross error in understanding of the Scriptures.

There was much confusion among the membership of the Worldwide Church of God before it became one of the false Christian churches of this world about the Laodicean Era Church, when it would appear, who were to be the Laodiceans, could they be saved and many were wondering if the Church itself was becoming Laodicean, etc.,

Thankfully, Mr. Armstrong did clarify the matter but not in an easy-to-follow way as the information is a little bit here and a little bit there in his sermons and writings and some work is required in pulling together all the threads scattered here and there in his literature and sermons and making the big picture emerge and become clear.

There is a study which comprehensively pulls together all the information given us by Mr. Armstrong on God's Laodicean Era Church which answers all of the previous questions and more. It is available by clicking on the following hyperlink [Who are the Laodiceans and When Does the Laodicean Era Start?](#)

However, in the present study, I would like to focus on the conversion process for those individuals that will make up God's Laodicean Era Church and what is their reward which to many remains a bit of a mystery which they would probably be happy to see explained.

The Laodiceans

One of the first things to keep firmly in mind is that the local congregations of God's church that may exist during the coming Laodicean Era of God's Church as well as isolated converted individuals and small family groups, to be part of God's Church, will all have gone through the same process of conversion as those of the Philadelphia Era and as those of all the other eras of God's church. There are several eras of God's Church and in each era there are possibly many small congregations spread all over the world as well as individuals who have been called and repented and who have never known of the existence of any of these scattered groups. Remember that only 80 years ago 100 miles was a very great distance and there were none of our modern communication tools in existence in those days. That there were isolated individuals and congregations in those days should not be a big surprise. Even in the days of the Worldwide Church of God there were true Christians whom God had called who did not know of the existence of the corporate body of God's Church.

The Laodiceans, as all other Church of God era saints, will all have the

holy spirits of the God family dwelling in them and will be full members in every respects of God's Church. They are not any different when it comes to their status as converted individuals than those of any of the other eras of God's Church.

God's Laodicean era saints will be part of God's temple as its living stones; they are all begotten sons of God and they are all inheritors of salvation upon remaining faithful to their calling until the end of their natural lives or of the Second Coming of Christ.

False Teachings about the Laodicean Church

As previously stated, Mr. Armstrong did not make it easy for us today to understand the Laodicean Church. All the information is there but scattered and needs to be put together for the right understanding to be had of this remnant or last era Church.

This left ample room for all sorts of false teachings to be made regarding the Laodiceans and here are some of the most notable ones which some of you may have heard before.

- In order for the Laodiceans to be saved they have to become Philadelphian
- The worst thing that can happen to a true Christian especially one living in the end-time is to become Laodicean
- The Laodiceans will die in the Great Tribulation
- God is putting the Laodiceans in the Great Tribulation to purify them and shock them out of their lukewarmness
- The Laodiceans lose their salvation.

The ministry also struggled to explain in a clear and easy to understand way what was the "lukewarmness" of the Laodiceans. Their explanations remained at the literal and physical level of the words used in the Bible. They likened the lukewarmness of the Laodiceans to lukewarm water which they said tasted awful. This of course really explained nothing about what it is to be lukewarm as a Christian but that was the level and type of explanation provided to the members which really shed no real light on what it meant to be lukewarm spiritually speaking.

All this only added to the mystery of who were the Laodiceans, when they would appear, what is their reward if any and whether ourselves we were becoming "lukewarm."

Who are the Saints in the Great Tribulation?

Are we already into the Laodicean Era of God's Church without our knowing it? Have the truly converted now alive become the Laodicean Church spoken of in the Book of Revelation. There are many who believe that with the death of Mr. Armstrong the Laodicean Era of God's Church began. If that were the case, that the church has become Laodicean, who would be the Philadelphians that God will protect during the Great Tribulation?

Let's see if the Scriptures can come to our aid in clarifying these vitally important matters.

In the book of Revelation we read the following.

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

The fifth seal is the great martyrdom of true saints that occurs during the first part of the Great Tribulation.

Who are the true saints of God's Church who find themselves in the Great Tribulation and that are being put to death because of their faith?

We know that God promised to keep His Philadelphian saints from the Great Tribulation; that they are to be taken on the wings of a great eagle to a place of safety.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given **two wings of a great eagle**, that she might **fly into the wilderness**, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

There is a place of safety for those who convert **before** the beginning of the Great Tribulation and who are being faithful when the tribulation starts. They will be in a place of safety for the 1,260 day time of the Tribulation or 3 1/2 years (for a time, and times and half a time).

How do we know the expression "for a time, and times and half a time" refers to a 1260 day time period?

Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given **two wings of a great eagle**, that she might **fly into the wilderness**, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.

Rev 12:6 And the woman **fled into the wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**.

If we consider together Rev 12:14 and Rev 12:6, it becomes clear that the expression "for a time, times and half a time" refers to a period of time lasting 1260 days.

Who then are the true saints that will be martyred in great number during the Great Tribulation?

Would it be the Laodiceans as many believe?

Let's continue our study.

The Start of the Laodicean Era of God's Church

As we progress through the opening of the seals of the Book of Revelation we come to the sixth seal in which we read the following.

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Rev 6:13 And the stars [meteors, a single star is bigger than the whole earth] of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

A meteor shower will cause much destruction when it hits the earth. Then, what happens?

Rev 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

The sky that we see when we look up will disappear as a scroll when it is rolled together. How will react to seeing this happen?

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

When the sky we normally see when we look up disappears, men will see the face of the glorified Christ or of God the Word who is sitting on the right-hand side of God the Father on the throne of the universe.

What will be the reaction of men upon seeing these supernatural events? Do they fall down on their faces and begin to worship God with great fervor and sincerity? Do they suddenly become deeply converted Christians?

No, they are so scared of what they are seeing that they are asking for the mountains and rocks to fall on them and to hide them from the face

of God the Word. They don't know that the face they see is God the Word. They are unconverted and cannot understand in their spiritual dimension, the events they are experiencing.

Contrarily to what is widely believed even in the former congregations of God's Church, seeing miraculous and supernatural events does not lead anyone to become converted.

These events precede and lead to the time of God the Word's wrath upon the nations of the world. God the Word is the holy spirit that doeth the work commanded by the holy spirit God the Father. He is the one who will cause the great time of destruction to come upon the earth.

Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Then in Revelation chapter 7 following the miraculous signs in the heavens and before the beginning of the events of the 7th seal we have the sealing of the 144,000 and of the great multitude that no man could number.

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having [the seal of the living God](#): and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the [servants of our God](#) in their [foreheads](#).

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with [white robes](#), and palms in their hands;

The 144,000 and the great multitude inherit salvation; they are pictured

standing before the throne and the Lamb wearing the fine white linen, the white robes which is the righteousness of Christ imputed to them and which saves them.

Their sins upon repentance and belief have been forgiven. They have gone through a conversion process; Christ's righteousness has been imputed to them and they are saved. They were sealed with the spirit of promise.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye **were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**

When someone accepts God's calling, he is sealed with the holy spirit. This seal is God's promise to the newly-converted that upon remaining faithful to their calling, they will become part of His kingdom by a resurrection from the dead to glorified, immortal spirit life.

If you are not familiar with how Christians are saved the following study provides a detailed explanation of the process; simply click on the following hyperlink: [Salvation by Imputation](#)

Now, continuing with our reading of chapter 7 of the book of Revelation.

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Right after the events of the 6th seal (the heavenly signs) we see an angel having the seal of the living God telling the four angels who are about to perform their assigned task of which we read about in Revelation 8 to hold off until the **servants** of our God have been sealed. They are sealed for the resurrection because they, the 144,000 and the innumerable great multitude **are** the "servants" of God. They are part of God's Church.

The events of the Lord's day are about to begin, the time of God's intervention in the affairs of men which is the second part of the Great Tribulation, but before they are allowed to start, the 144,000 (12,000 from each of the tribes of the children of Israel) and the great, innumerable

multitude are sealed with the seal of the living God in their forehead.

Being sealed in their foreheads means that they have followed their calling and are using their freewill or absolute power to choose and their mind to obey God as best they can.

They, the 144,000 and the great, innumerable multitude, are called the **"servants of our God."** They have committed themselves to serving God and **God's promise is sure**; upon repentance and belief God's spirit is given.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **[spirit]**

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

God's promise of receiving the holy spirits of the God family is "to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." The 144,000 and the great multitude have become the servants of God. Their sealing means that they already truly converted and faithful Christians. **Their conversion occurred after the events of the 5th seal because had it been during the 5th seal they would have died in the great martyrdom of saints.**

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

The "white robes" is the righteousness of God imputed to His saints.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and white**: for the fine linen is **the righteousness of saints.**

Where did these converted individuals come from?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Here we have both the question which many have asked AND the an-

swer to that question. John in a vision is being given a message which he wrote down in a book and which we have today as the book of the Apocalypse or book of Revelation. It is revelation from Christ which He, Christ, sent by his angel unto his servant John.

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Rev 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

The revelation given to John by Jesus-Christ is to show God's servants, His Church, those things which are to come shortly to pass. The use of the term "shortly" here doesn't mean that the events spoken of in the book of Revelation will soon occur; rather the meaning is that these things will happen in a short amount of time.

The purpose of the book of Revelation is to show God's Church, His servants those events that will occur in a short period of time and which will transform the world as we know it.

The book of Revelation allows truly converted Christians to know who are the 1444,000 and who is the innumerable multitude. This knowledge is one of the secrets of the Lord that God shares with those who fear Him, that is, who are obeying Him.

Psa 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

The 5th seal is the great martyrdom of God's true saints (5th seal). Following that event, the supernatural signs in the heavens (6th seal) occur. They are seen around the world and so terrify men that they ask for the mountains and the rocks to fall on them to hide them from the face that they see in the sky when all of a sudden it is rolled up as a scroll.

Their then occurs a great conversion of people from ".... all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues....." mentioned in Rev 7:9 as well as of the 144,000. These 2 groups "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev7:14). They underwent a conversion process: they repented, their sins were forgiven and they become God's Laodicean Era Church which will last but a very short time as at the blowing of the 7th trump of the 7th seal of Revelation,

Christ's Second Coming occurs and all of God's saints, including His faithful Laodicean Era saints become glorified spirit beings and part of the Bride of Christ.

The Great Tribulation is composed of two main parts; first the wrath of Satan, the martyrdom of God's true saints, then the second part which are the events of the Lord's day. Satan's wrath and the events of the Lord's day constitute a single and continuous time of Great Tribulation or of great trouble coming upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Those who came out of great tribulation and were sealed (Rev 7:14) were in that first part of the Great Tribulation which is the wrath of Satan when the great martyrdom of true saints occurred. They lived through the great martyrdom of saints **because they themselves were not yet converted**; this is why they did not die in that moment of great tribulation. They came out of, or lived through great tribulation i.e., Satan's wrath and they experienced the heavenly signs which caused great fear in men. Their conversion occurs **after** the events of the 5th seal and **during** the events of the sixth seal. This is the time when God's Laodicean Era Church begins.

Please note that their conversion, the time of the sealing of the Laodicean saints, is **AFTER** the events of the fifth seal and during the sixth seal and just before the beginning of the events of the 7th seal. Their sealing is **AFTER** their conversion, they are already the servants of God at the time of their sealing.

God's Laodicean Era Church arrives during the events of the 6th seal **AFTER** Satan's wrath (the 5th seal) has ended and just before the beginning of the Lord's day which starts with the 7th seal. The Laodiceans were not in a place of safety; when the 5th seal events occur, they were not yet converted. The Lord's day, the time of great destruction, suffering and death comes after their conversion which occurred during the 6th seal.

Why are they and the 144,000 being sealed? For this, we have to go to the book of Ezekiel. In Ezekiel 8, God shows Ezekiel how Israel was worshiping idols and their punishment for doing so is described in Ezekiel 9.

Eze 9:1 He **[God]** cried also in mine **[Ezekiel's]** ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

Eze 9:2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

Eze 9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

Eze 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

Eze 9:5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

Eze 9:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark;** and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Please note that the angel sealing the 144,000 and the innumerable multitude seals them in **their forehead** with the seal of God as were the men in Ezekiel 9. This is the mark indicating they are under God's protection. They are to be protected from the events of the Lord's day that are to follow shortly after their sealing. They are not in a place of safety and this is how God protects them.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these **[the 144,000 and the great multitude who are the servants of God]** which are arrayed in white robes? **[They are all wearing white robes which represents the righteousness of the saints (Rev 19:8)]** and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **[They accepted their calling from God the Father and their sins were forgiven.]**

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. **[They are saved and will become part of God's Kingdom at the time of Christ's 2nd Coming during the events of the 7th seal.]**

The Laodiceans are in the second part of the Great Tribulation, the Lord's day which is God's wrath upon mankind but they are protected from it by God Himself because they are His servants; they do not die in it. However, there is 50% of the Laodicean church which loses its salvation as made evident by the parable of the 10 virgins that went out to meet the bridegroom and where 5 of them did not have enough oil and lost out on salvation.

The time setting of this parable is just before Christ's 2nd Coming. The bridegroom, Christ was coming and they were on their way to meet Him.

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

The word "virgin" here is referring to the spiritual state of these people. They were called and chosen and as such were the affianced bride of Christ. They remained faithful; they did not worship other gods or idols. They are God's Church which is in existence at the time when Christ's 2nd Coming is about to occur.

Christ is the bridegroom coming to marry His affianced bride.

Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

Mat 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

The oil represents God's spirit who gives God's called and chosen ones, light or understanding of the spiritual truth contained in the holy Bible. The five foolish virgins took no oil with them for a journey that they thought would be short. They had been called and chosen and were expecting Christ would soon return but that was not a wise thing to do for there was no certainty Christ would come back as soon as they thought.

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

But the wise virgins did not count on Christ's coming soon occurring and they took extra oil with them to make sure their light would not go out before Christ came back.

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

The bridegroom tarried, He took longer than they thought He would and while they were waiting, they fell asleep. This is not being said about all of

God's Era Churches, this is being specifically stated about God's Laodicean Era Church as it is the one that will exist just prior to Christ's Second Coming.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Then all of a sudden when they were not expecting it, they were aroused from their sleep by the cry that the bridegroom that they all had been waiting for was coming.

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

The foolish virgins had lost the light of the holy spirit that was giving them knowledge and understanding while they waited. They wanted some of the extra oil taken by the wise virgins but the holy spirit is given on an individual basis because of the abiding or continuing attitude of obedience of the called out one. It is not something that can be shared with someone else. Every man is responsible for ensuring they do not lose the presence of the holy spirit in them.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

This parable is about God's remnant or last era church, His Laodicean Church whose conversion will occur shortly before Christ's 2nd Coming during the events of the sixth seal, the heavenly signs. According to the parable 50% of God's Laodicean Church lose their salvation because of their being spiritually lukewarm. They are neither fully in the church (hot) nor fully in the world (cold). Having foot in the church (hot) and a foot in the world (cold), they are spiritually lukewarm which is something unacceptable to God.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Unless they fully commit to God's ways by coming fully out of the world as

they should, they will lose their salvation. According to the parable, half of them won't heed Christ's warning and will lose their salvation.

A number of interesting questions then arise.

- Who are the true saints being martyred during the time of Satan's wrath? It's not the Laodiceans whose conversion has not yet then occurred and who are therefore not saints at that time.
- And, how were the Laodiceans converted? Did it happen all of a sudden following a dramatic event?
- Did God change His administration of the conversion process where first there is a need for knowledge to be given, for understanding to occur and for a choice to be made by the person whom He is calling?

Conversion means to change from what we are to become something else but in order to be able to do so you must first know what changes you have to make to become what God wants you to be. Supernatural events are not knowledge nor do they give understanding. Knowledge and understanding of God's spiritual truth is only made possible by the holy spirit God the Father calling men and the holy spirit teaching them all things once they have accepted their calling.

A period of learning of some of the truth of God is required before conversion can occur. God first gives us enough knowledge for us to be able to make a decision; He brings us to the crossroads where we have to choose to either remain in the world or commit ourselves to a life of obedience to Him. Time is required for that process to work itself out. Conversion is not a spontaneous event which results from witnessing a dramatic or emotionally stirring event.

So how and when did the Laodiceans become converted?

Conversion of the Laodiceans

All through the Bible the conversion process is explained and you, who is a long term member of God's Church should be very familiar with the process, so I will only do a high-level summary of it here as a refresher.

The holy spirit God the Father calls people to become a part of His Church by being with the person being called. The holy spirit God the Father is then **with** the person and not **in** the person. He will lead the person being called to acquire knowledge and get understanding of His spiritual truth which that person before had always immediately rejected but now

this time it's different. The individual becomes curious and begins looking at more and more information and in time, acquires sufficient information to realize that God exists, that He is calling Him and that He has to decide whether to follow God's calling or ignore it and go back into the world.

After the destruction of the Worldwide Church of God organization following the death of Mr. Armstrong, there were many books and booklets authored by him as well as copies made of many of his sermons which survived. With the advent of the Internet, this information can now be found on several web sites and is freely available to all who may develop an interest in it. These would be people from all over the world that God is calling. The basic information required for conversion is now freely available around the world.

During Mr. Armstrong ministry and since his passing, there were a lot of people who were reading his literature and listening to his sermon tapes and though interested, were never able to bring themselves to take the next step and this was to start applying the truth in their lives the truth they were learning. They remained undecided though still interested. They had acquired different levels of knowledge and understanding though never converted.

When they see the events of the wrath of Satan it will become evident to many of them that what they had been reading and the sermon tapes they had been listening to were indeed speaking of real events and that they are now witnessing them. The Heavenly Signs is the ultimate event that will lead many to convert. Their knowledge and understanding acquired before the actual events occurring will enable them to understand what is going on in the world when end-time events begin. They will understand that these events precede and lead up to Christ's 2nd Coming; they will commit themselves to obeying God and they will become the servants of God who are sealed to protect them from the coming events of the Lord's day which are immediately in their future.

The Laodiceans come out of tribulation, the first part of the Great Tribulation which is Satan's wrath. Their conversion occurs after the end of Satan's wrath and before the beginning of the Lord's day which is also a time of tribulation and is the second part of the GREAT tribulation. Over the years they had read themselves into the truth and listened to recorded sermons and when the heavenly signs occur, they finally understand that what they have is God's truth and they commit themselves to obeying God.

The holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman then begins teaching them as they study their Bible, they become begotten sons of God and God, just

before the beginning of the Lord's day, seals them to protect them. Their conversion was not during the time of Satan's wrath (the first part of the GREAT tribulation) when God's saints were martyred. If it had been, they would have been part of the great martyrdom of saints and there would be no Laodicean Era Church.

Who are the Saints Martyred During the Fifth Seal?

It was commonly preached by the ministry of the Worldwide Church of God when it existed that the saints martyred during the Great Tribulation were those Philadelphians who were not found worthy to escape and the Laodiceans.

The Philadelphia Era of God's Church will end with the beginning of the Laodicean Era of God's Church. The Laodicean Era of God's Church will start with the conversion of those who are to form the church of that era. Their conversion occurs **after** the fifth seal and not before. Therefore the saints that are martyred during the wrath of Satan portion of the Great Tribulation will be mostly individuals whose conversion occurred **during** the time period of the 5th seal and will include previously converted individuals with spiritual attitudes that belong to other eras of God's Church (Ephesus, Thyatira, Sardis, etc.) and who will not be in the Place of Safety.

Those converting during the time of Satan's wrath will be some of the people who had been reading and studying the literature produced by the Worldwide Church of God and who may have been listening to some of the sermon tapes and who had never made the decision to commit themselves to obeying God. When the events they had read about start happening, they will realize that what they had been reading but, which they did not then believe was true, and they will then make their commitment.

This occurs while God's Philadelphia Era is still in existence; the Laodicean Era has yet to start; it will only start during the 6th seal. This means that those that convert during the 5th seal will be Philadelphia Era Christians as these individuals convert after the start of the Great Tribulation which is the wrath of Satan portion of the Great Tribulation. Their conversion is during the events of the 5th seal while it is still the Philadelphian Era.

Had they believed without seeing the actual events and being converted they would have been taken to the promised place of safety but their conversion occurs during the time of the wrath of Satan. They will have to go through that period of tribulation as true Christians and suffer martyrdom. They are God's Philadelphian saints suffering death during the time period of the 5th seal; the conversion of the Laodiceans and the beginning of that Church Era only occurs AFTER the events of the 5th seal and during those of the 6th seal.

Therefore, to be clear, the great martyrdom of saints will be of individuals who convert **during** the first part of the Great Tribulation which makes them Philadelphia Era saints. There will also be other true saints of God whose conversion occurred before the start of the Great Tribulation but whose spiritual attitude is not Philadelphian. Since they are not Philadelphian in their spiritual attitude, they will also be in the events of the 5th seal or Great Martyrdom of Saints. Being a Philadelphian is about the spiritual attitude of the individual, not the era of God's Church in which one is converted. Not everyone whose conversion occurs during the Philadelphia Era of God's Church will be Philadelphian in spiritual attitude.

All this is a bit complicated and you may need to read over the explanations given to make sure you get the correct understanding of who are the Laodiceans, when the Laodicean Era begins and who are God's saints martyred during the 5th seal.

As you are probably starting to realize, things are not as you have heard them explained over the years by the ministry. Hopefully, you are keeping an open mind and are objectively examining what this study is saying and not rejecting the clear message of the Scriptures because it goes against your long held beliefs.

What is the Reward of the Laodiceans?

One of the most destructive false church of God to have arisen after the death of Mr. Armstrong loudly proclaimed that for the Laodiceans to be saved they have to become Philadelphian. Nowhere but NOWHERE is there any biblical proof of any such thing. It is fully from the imagination of this great deceiver who is using religion as a means to make a living for himself, his family, his relatives and his key enablers.

2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as **there shall be false teachers among you, [Acts 20:30; 3 John 1:8-9]**; who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. **[From God, at the time of the judgment]**

2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness **[excessive love for money]** **shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you:** whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

This has been occurring since early after the foundation of God's Church and many of us have personally witnessed how false teachers have arisen from the ranks of God's true Church. They have founded several so-called churches of God teaching doctrines that were never part of the true Church's teachings as a means of enriching themselves, their family and their loyal supporters from the tithes and offerings of the people. They are building for themselves and their friends luxurious houses and enjoy the best food while the people they are exploiting go without in order to support the "Work." And, as 2 Pe 2:22 very clearly states, it is the **many** in God's Church who will follow their pernicious ways. This also makes it equally clear that it is the **"few"** that will resist these false teachers. What we do is up to each of us individually.

From Revelation 3:14-22 we have a description of God's Laodicean Era Church and we read in verse 21 that the Laodiceans that overcome the lukewarmness that is the main problem of this era's Christians will be granted to sit with Christ on His throne as Christ is presently sitting with His Father on His throne.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

This is no small reward. The Laodiceans that overcome will sit with Christ on His throne. They will share in and exercise the very authority of Christ.

Please note that God does not say that the Laodicean who become Philadelphian will rule with Me on My Throne. NO, it is the Laodicean who overcome the lukewarmness affecting the era, who will rule with Christ.

We have to always be on our guards and wary of the biblically-unsubstantiated pronouncements of people who have appointed themselves as great men of God.

If you will go through Revelation 2 and 3, you will see that each of God's era saints have their own weaknesses to overcome and their own rewards. Sardis Era saints do not get the reward of the Ephesian Era saints any more than the Laodicean Era saints get the reward of the Philadelphia Era saints. These rewards are from God and He has determined who is to get them.

One last point on which I would like to spend some time is the lukewarmness of the Laodiceans.

Being Lukewarm Spiritually

Let's see if we can, using all the knowledge we have acquired as long-term members of God's Church, if it is not possible for us to determine with a reasonable level of certainty what it means, spiritually speaking, for a Christian to be lukewarm. We already gave an explanation about what it is to be lukewarm spiritually speaking but here, I would like to add more information which you may find useful.

Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Here Christ says to the Laodiceans that He knows their works i.e., He knows how well they have been or have not been applying in their personal lives the truth they have received. And His conclusion is that they are neither zealous (hot) in their obedience to God nor are they totally indifferent (cold). They are lackadaisical, half-hearted, indolent, and listless in their obedience. They do the minimum they think required to remain part of God's Church while maintaining their interests in the things of this world. They want the one without giving up the other; they want to be able to keep a foot in the Church and a foot in the world. Spiritually speaking they are not fully in the Church nor fully in the world and Christ says that He wishes that they would make up their minds and fully commit to one or the other. His warning to those who are spiritually lukewarm and continue to remain lukewarm is that they will lose their salvation.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

They are in the body of Christ which is the Church and Christ says He will expel them from His body; He will spue them out of His mouth; and they will no longer be part of God's Church.

Why does Christ say they are lukewarm? What is it that they are neglecting in their spiritual life?

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

In Rev 3:17, Christ defines for us what He means when He says they are

lukewarm. They say that they have it all and need nothing more. And what is it that they say they do not need more of? They are of the opinion that they have all the truth that can be had from the Bible. All they have to do is celebrate the Holy days, attend weekly services, stop off on the way home for a good meal with friends and that's it, they have fulfilled what is required of them.

But God says that by limiting themselves to simply doing that they do not realize just how far they are from meeting His expectations. Salvation is not a spectator sport, nor is it a one-time acquisition of knowledge or something which after a certain amount of time no longer requires any time and effort.

The truths restored by HWA to the Church are not the only truths that can be known. If they were then God could not command true Christians to have growth throughout their lives.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen.

This is a command from God to His sons. A Christian's life has to be one continuous process of growth in knowledge and understanding. Spiritual embryos that have ceased to grow are dead. The food that sustains them and provides growth is spiritual food i.e., growth in knowledge and understanding of God's truth.

Pro 2:1 **My son**, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

Pro 2:2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; **[If your desire is to gain more wisdom and gain greater understanding of God's truth?]**

Pro 2:3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

Pro 2:4 If thou **seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; [If God's truth or wisdom for you is of very great importance like silver and you search for it as someone who is looking for hidden treasures]**

Pro 2:5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD **[What it means to be obedient to God in the way God wants you to**

be], and find the knowledge of God. [And God will give you knowledge as you study your Bible which contain yet to be discovered hidden treasures of truth and understanding which are not part of the foundational truth restored to God's Church.]

The Laodiceans are told what they must do to fill the deficiency God is pointing out to them. They have to get busy, crack open their Bible, turn off the television for a while, get off social media and dedicate time to good, solid, in-depth Bible study which will allow God to speak to them.

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, [the pure truth of God] that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, [the fine white linen which is Christ's righteousness imputed to the faithful believers which God gives to those that are obeying Him] that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear [that God does not see your spiritual nakedness]; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

God's advice to the Laodiceans is to get back to poring over the Scriptures like they once did when first called and with as much interest and fervor. Go at it like someone looking for hidden treasure. Do what God through Paul tells all Christians to do throughout their lives:

1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

The truth which Paul taught to the congregations of his days is truth which he received from Christ, and it is the same truth Christ gave the apostles. It is truth which Paul calls the foundation on which every man is to build. "Every man" here is talking about all converted Christians in the congregations raised by Paul and by extension all true Christians throughout the ages. It is something that all have to do. What does it mean to build on the foundation?

The Laodicean converts will be the recipients of the truths restored to God's Church by HWA. They will have mastered them to a smaller or greater extent and will think of themselves as knowing all that needs to be known. They will see themselves as being rich and increased with goods (they have the restored truth) and need nothing more. They say "We don't have to keep studying the Bible." Their attitude is that anyway, God does not want us to know everything. But they do need more; they have to build on the truth given them at the time of their conversion through con-

tinuing study of their Bible.

Pro 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. [God's wisdom is something that one has to find; that one has to get; it involves time and effort spent in studying the Scriptures; it does not just enter our minds in our sleep or while we are watching television.]

Pro 3:14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. [Men search diligently for hidden treasure and for silver but to find wisdom and to get understanding is incomparably more valuable than fine gold.]

Pro 3:15 She [Wisdom which is knowledge and understanding of the truth of God] is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Pro 3:16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Pro 3:17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Pro 3:18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. [Wisdom and understanding gained by continuous study of the Scriptures is a tree of life. It keeps our spiritual embryos alive as it feeds and grows on the spiritual food obtained from continuing study of the Scriptures.]

There is a major study fully covering this very topic that awaits you at the following hyperlink: [Are You Spiritually Mature?](#) If you have not already done so, it would be very much worth your while to read through it. It is beyond the scope of this study for me to repeat it all here.

God sees a major weakness affecting His Laodicean Era saints and is rebuking and chastening them because He loves them.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. [Change your ways and go back (repent) to studying the Scriptures with interest and joy as you did when you first started discovering and loving the truth; as in the days when you could not get enough of it and spent many hours in studying the Scriptures to see what else you might learn.]

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. [Christ says He is right there knocking at the door of His Laodiceans wanting to be given the opportunity to give them more truth. They will eat together, and more truth will be given them. But, they have to make the effort of opening the door to Christ by getting back to studying their Bibles which is when Christ will be supping with them. God will not force it open.]

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. [God's faithful Laodiceans will rule with Christ.]

Rev 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Do you have the ears to hear what Christ is telling you?

In Conclusion

God's Laodicean Era Church and saints will go through the same type of conversion process as occurred for all of God's saints throughout all of God's Church Eras. The holy spirit God the Father will call them by giving them sufficient knowledge and understanding of the truth for them to be taken to the crossroads where they must decide to commit themselves to obey God or remain in the world (Deu 30:19).

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

The knowledge to which the Laodicean converts will have access to is the truth restored by HWA to God's Philadelphia Era Church which is now widely available on the Internet as well as other truths that the holy spirit God the Father may reveal to them.

Their conversion occurs AFTER the events of the 5th seal, the Great Martyrdom of saints and before the beginning of the events of the 7th seal, the Lord's day. They were not converted during the time period of the 5th seal. God seals them before the 7th seal begins to protect them from the death and destruction that will then occur during the Lord's day. At the time of their sealing they are already converted and have dwelling in them the holy spirits of the God family and God calls them His servants.

Half of the Laodicean Era converts lose their salvation because they run out of oil i.e., they lose the presence in their minds of the holy spirits of the God family (God the Father and God the Word and Spokesman) from lack of interest in conducting attentive and detailed studies of their Bible (Matt 25). They did not think it necessary to keep on attentively and carefully studying their Bible to find truth God left for them to discover.

The Laodiceans see themselves as having all they need to know in the truth restored to God's Church by HWA but God says compared to what they could know and which is there for them to discover if they will spend quality time studying their Bible. God says they are poor, wretched and miserable and don't even know it. This is why God tells them they are that way. God loves them and does not want them to lose their salvation from lack of spiritual food which they need to keep their spiritual embryo alive and growing.

Thankfully, half the Laodicean era Church responds to God's warning and they repent. They are saved and will sit with Christ on His throne as Christ sits on His Father's throne. The number that repent is 144,000 and a great multitude from all nations, kindreds, people and tongues that is so vast that it cannot be counted. All these converts constitute God's Laodicean Era Church.

The 50% of the great multitude that loses its conversion will go through the great time of destruction, suffering and death which is coming during the Lord's day, without God's protection. A great many of them will lose their lives if not all of them. The Lord's day will be even more destructive than the wrath of Satan. The wrath of Satan was directed at God's Church; the wrath of God will fall on unconverted mankind. All you need to do to understand this is read through the 7 trumpet plagues and the 7 vial plagues. The destruction will be on a planetary scale and impact all nations.

God's Laodicean Era Church will be short-lived. Their conversion occurs after the 5th seal of Revelation and they become glorified spirit beings at the sounding of the 7th trumpet of the 7th seal. They are like the workers that were called at the 11th hour to work in the vineyard (Matt 20). They did not have to labor for as long a time and under the hot sun as those who were hired earlier in the day but they received the same reward at the end of the day.

The Laodicean Church will be the biggest Church to have ever existed to that time and the one where the greatest number of individuals responded to God's warning to repent, and its reward will be to sit with Christ on His throne.

