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THE SEVEN IGNORED MESSAGES OF JESUS

Answer Key

- 1. a) plagues
 - **b)** The Book of Life
- **2.** In Asia
- 3. a) Works
 - **b)** Overcometh
 - c) Spirit
- **4.** Lost, First
- 5. Tried, Say, Apostles, Not
- **6.** Fear, Faithful, Death, Crown of Life
- 7. Overcometh, Hurt, Second
- 8. a) Balaam
 - b) Nicolatians
- **9.** Jezebel
- **10.** Tribulations, Kill, Children, Death
- **11.** Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome, Luther, Zwingli
- **12.** Die
- 13. Livest, Dead
- 14. Synagogue, Satan
- **15.** Door

- 16. a) Lukewarm
 - b) Rich, Nothing, Wretched, Miserable, poor, blind, Naked.
- 17. 1) Gold
 - 2) Raiment
 - **3)** Eyesalve
- 19. Door, Life
- 20. YES / NO

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Teaching code - in "teacher notes".

- **1. Underlining** designed to get class participation.
- **2. Bold items -** messages to instructor.
- **3. All other copy -** information designed to go directly to class.

Place lesson 6 with (No Exhibits) at student locations.

FRIENDLY GREETING AND PRAYER

Bring seven letters you have received.

Friends, I have seven letters here.

What would you say if I told you they were for you from the President?

Would you be interested in reading them?

This evening we shall study 7 letters from Jesus!

There is no comparison between authors!

Jesus and His messages are of infinitely more value.

Let's get right into our wonderful lesson.

Q1. I believe part "A" of our answer is self-explanatory.

Now concerning part "B", do you recognize the significance of the "Book of Life"? What is the Book of Life? The point is, the messages of this book are of eternal importance in God's sight. Let us look at these messages.

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- **Q2.** We learn that these messages were directed to churches of Asia. However, like all the Bible, these messages have application to us, today, as well.
- Q3. After discussion —

What Jesus is saying is:

- A. I know you. I understand you.
- **B.** You must overcome. I will help you.
- C. We must heed the voice of the Holy Spirit

This is applicable, right here, in this seminar.

IS OUR OBEDIENCE IMPORTANT TO GOD?

The whole matter comes down to this.

God says:

We must listen.

We must obey.

By faith we will overcome, with God's help.

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Q4. Jesus has commended the church at Ephesus for certain things, but then rebukes and warns them. Notice with me a very interesting sidelight: Revelation 2:7 (1801)

Decision Questions

- 1. I believe more and more that <u>REVELATION</u> has a message for today's Christian. Place an "X" in the upper right corner of your quiz envelope if you agree.
- 2. I want to receive of His gold, His robe, and His eyesalve, so that I can please the Lord, be a wide-awake Christian, and be ready when Jesus comes. Place another "X" if this is your desire.

Talk up the next lesson.

Closing Prayer

victory over the attractions of this present world.

Jesus longs to come into every heart, to solve our problems, to fill us with His love.

My heart says, "Give us the certainty of salvation. Come in! The door is open. Satisfy the longings of my life."

CLASS APPEAL

Q20. I want you to respond to the following statement by raising your hand. "I want to open the door of my heart always to let Jesus have complete control, so I might become more like Him, through fellowship with Jesus."

If you desire this same experience and want me to pray for you, please raise your hand.

Let us pray.

QUIZ QUESTIONS

(True or False)

- 1. The revelation of Jesus Christ is very important. Strong warnings are given to those changing it in any way. (TRUE)
- 2. Overcoming Satan and sin is a predominant theme to all 7 churches. (TRUE)
- 3. The gold tried in the fire represents character a faithful character that works by love. (TRUE)
- 4. The Laodicean Church was aware of its condition. (FALSE)
- **5.** The 7 churches show Christianity's history from apostolic times until the present. **(TRUE)**

OFFERING APPEAL

WHO WOULD LIKE TO READ THIS VERSE?

It we are overcomers, what will we be privileged to do?

ANSWER — Eat from the tree of Life.

Do you know the origin of the tree of Life?

Look at Gen. 2:9, Rev. 22:1, 2. The tree of Life was transplanted from the Garden of Eden, and yields continuous life as we partake of it.

We will study this in more detail later; But isn't it exciting!

Q5. An interesting point here:

Today, the general attitude toward sin is:

- Permissive, or at best
- Passive

"Sure we know we shouldn't, but after all, no one is perfect!"

Jesus made it clear, in Rev. 216,15

That He holds the church responsible to keep wolves out of the flock. It is true, we must not condemn those who are struggling under sin. But neither are we to ignore sin. We must love and help them.

Q6. Summarize introduction or have student read it

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Q7. What did you think concerning the second death mentioned here?

DID YOU STUDY THE NOTE?

We will study this subject more, later. But mark this in your notes and memories — For some there will be a second death!

Q8. When Satan saw he could not stamp out the church by persecution he introduced a new method. Satan had greater success with this method than he did using the method of persecution.

Does any of this sound strangely familiar?

Q9. After class discussion:

What is implied by naming Jezebel?

The church had committed spiritual adultery by embracing pagan worship.

What does this tell us concerning our church, today?

ANSWER — God wants us to keep it pure.

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Q10. The struggle of the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan is serious, and Jesus is determined that His church will not follow Satan!

Q11. Alter discussion

God always has had a faithful people and always will — those who cannot be bought or sold!

That brings me courage. He has a people today!

I want to be listed among His people, don't you? Would you raise your hand in agreement?

Q12. My heart goes out to the Church of Sardis! It's not easy to stand for unpopular truth. Yet it was a magnificent period — the era of awakening.

We can learn from their faithfulness.

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Q14-I5 I like the church of Philadelphia, the church of brotherly love.

What are the two points that these two questions emphasize?

- **A.** There are false followers.
- **B.** God opened a door which no man can shut!

WHO WOULD LIKE TO READ THE NOTE UNDER #15?

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Q16. Now is the moment of truth. It's not easy to look at ourselves. What is our condition, today?

Have someone read answers to #16

Illus. An American soldier in Korea befriended a Korean boy.

16. The GI invited him to come to the U.S.

17. The boy first agreed, then declined.

18. When asked why, he replied, "No like GI food!"

Do we have such a distorted appetite for the things of this world that we are in danger of missing heaven?

Q17-18 Do you realize the whole plan of salvation is summarized in Rev. 3:18?

First — Spiritual discernment; to see our need, (Rom. 3:23).

Second — Surrender to Jesus and accept his forgiveness and righteousness, (I John 1:9).

Third — Allow Gods power to remake us and our characters, (John 1:12).

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Dear friends, we live in the time of the church of Laodicea!

Jesus said, "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 sup with him and he with me."

He has the solution to our lukewarmness. He has the power to give us