

Laodicea & The Net

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In Matthew chapter thirteen Jesus give us a set of parables that are meant to help us understand the Kingdom of Heaven. There are seven of them. The Kingdom of Heaven is the Christian Church. The seven parables are parallels to the “Seven Churches of Asia.” The parables and messages to the “Seven Churches of Asia” give a series of prophetic messages that reveal the history of the Christian church in advance. The final church Laodicea and the final parable of the “Net” describe the last of the seven church ages. They give us an understanding of the conditions existing in the final state of the Christian church.

I never cease to be amazed at the foreknowledge of God, almost two millennia ago Jesus gave us the parable of the “NET.” This parable is a revelation of the “Church Growth Movement,” the “Seeker Friendly” the “Purpose Driven,” and the “Emergent Church” movements along with

their marketing and controlling tools that guarantee their results. It is also quite ironic that this is the church of the “Internet Age.” The “net” as in “Internet,” is the instrument being used to create the Laodicean conditions. The different movements are different and alike all at the sometime, taken together, they create the general climate of the “Net.” Only an all-knowing God could have predicted that the last church would use a “net” to gather its followers. Jesus uses an ancient fishing tool to reveal the nature of Laodicea. The Internet is very important to the “Seeker Friendly” style movements. It is used to advertize, recruit, train, communicate and control the followers. It is used to sell their church growth merchandise, training manuals, videos, books, the downloading of their services, and the collecting of the offerings. The “net” is an essential tool for today’s ministry. Using “Internet” in and of itself is not the problem. The problem is what you are using the Internet for. Laodicea is using the “net” to proclaim a message that Jesus will reject, one that will cause them and their followers to experience all of the conditions of the following verse.

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”:

Lessons from the Net - *Mat 13:47-50* **Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: (48) Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. (49) So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, (50) And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**



What is the “Kingdom of Heaven?” The “Kingdom of Heaven” appears 32 times in the Gospel of Matthew. John the Baptist introduces us to the term, ***Mat 3:1-2*** ***“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, (2) And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*** Jesus will begin his ministry by preaching in ***Mat 4:17*** the ***“Kingdom of Heaven.”*** From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, “Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” The “Kingdom of God,” “Kingdom of Christ” or “Kingdom of Heaven” are all synonymous, and signify the divine spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ. A kingdom needs three things, a king, a government and people to rule over. Jesus Christ is the king of the “Kingdom of Heaven.” The government of the Kingdom of Heaven is made up of the believers of Old and New Testament. The New Testament believers are members of the Church of God. ***Act 2:47*** ***“Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”*** The people that become part of the Kingdom of God will be from those who manage to survive the Tribulation time and their offspring born thereafter.

The Christian church is a two-dimensional entity. It has both a visible and invisible dimension. The invisible factor is a spiritual kingdom that has only one entry point. Faith in and the acceptance that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that his death on the cross paid the price of redemption and is the only way into the invisible dimension of the church.

John 14:6 ***“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”***

John 1:12-13 ***“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”***

The other dimension is physical. It is seen in organized denominational structures, church buildings and different theological persuasions. People of every moral and spiritual level can find a "Christian Church" that they can be a part of. The second of the parables, "**The Wheat & the Tares**" reveals that there are those who are members of the physical church but have never become a part of the spiritual church.

Mat 13:24-30 *"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: (25) But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. (26) But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. (27) So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? (28) He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? (29) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. (30) Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."*



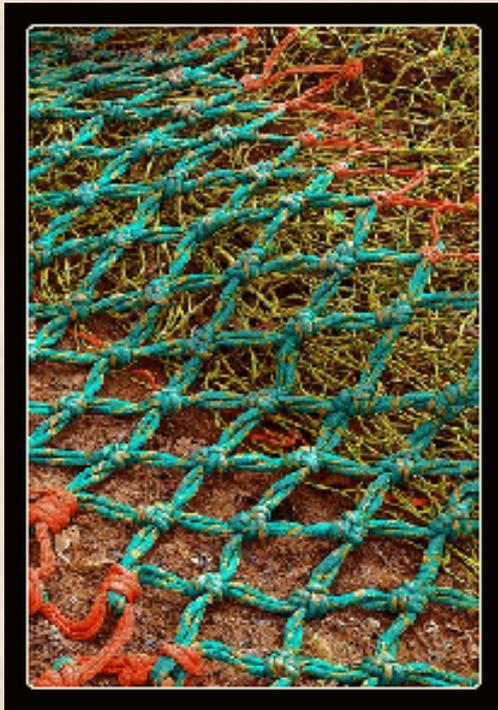
The Tares are sown in the Kingdom of Heaven and allowed to grow along side the "Born Again" Christians.

The true Gospel is a single hook experience while the "tare" factor can be a "Net" experience. The true Gospel

involves the preaching of the Jesus Christ, the son of God, his death and resurrection. It is up to each hearer to accept and believe or to reject. Only those who believe and are obedient to the demands of the Gospel can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. **Mark 16:15-16** *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."* It is one fish at a time biting the hook of his own free will. That is the way the true Gospel functions and the way a true believer is born again.

The net that is cast into the sea is not an individual experience. It is a group experience, not depending on the will of the group. Those who cast the net into the sea do so because of financial reasons. They are trying to trap as many fish as they can. This is a perfect symbol of the Laodicean Church. This is what the "Seeker Friendly" and "Purpose Driven" movements have created, a giant net for the purpose of entrapping large numbers of people.





The modern day Laodicean gurus have studied, surveyed, analyzed, recruited, and organized to build a very effective net in order to sweep a great harvest from the sea of humanity. The “Net” experience is not about individual choice, it is mass evangelism and crowd manipulation, a “net” with a cell structure that sweeps the unsuspecting fish from the sea of humanity. Satan, the master manipulator has donated his spirit, music, his philosophy, and his management skills to guarantee the catch. He has “cast his vision” before those he is recruiting to serve the purpose of the net.

Satan tried to cast his vision over Jesus Christ in his “Mega-Church Growth” conference. He takes him away from everyone, off to a mountain retreat to attempt the second temptation. It is the pattern of attack that Satan is using repeatedly on lesser stature recruits of today. **Luke 4:5-8** *“And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. (6) And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. (7) If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. (8) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship*

the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.” Satan would give Jesus the whole world if he would only survey the culture and develop a ministry approach that was culturally relevant. This could only be accomplished by coming to terms with the spirit of the world. If Jesus would do that, all would be his, no cross, no rejection. He would then be free to cast his net or “cast his vision” upon the world. All that was necessary was to worship Satan, the spirit of the “Seeker Fish.” The only problem is to have that was to have forfeited the life giving force of the Cross. It was to pollute the redemptive blood of the Son of God. Death and sin would remain in the net, leaving the fish of humanity to perish in their sins.



What was Jesus’ response to the vision Satan cast before him? **Luke 4:8** *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”* It is one thing to have a net cast before you and another to come under that net. Jesus did some casting of his own, to Satan he commands “Get behind me,” as Jesus would vomit Laodicea out, so he cast from before him the “master net maker.”

When Jesus uses an object in a parable, the natural qualities of the object are meant to give us information about a literal counterpart. In this case the simple fishing net is meant to give us an understanding of the final church Laodicea. What is true concerning the fishing net will be true of the Laodicean church. We will take a look at some simple facts concerning fishing nets.

A. The Purposes of the Net.

1. To enrich the owner of the net. There was only one reason a man in Biblical days would cast a net into the sea. It was to make money, obtain food and enrich himself.
2. One of the key lessons the “Seeker Friendly” pastor will be taught is how to get a “revenue stream” flowing.
3. Laodicea’s pastors will be very effective at gaining wealth from their “Net,” **Rev 3:17** *“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;”*

a. **2 Peter 2:1-3** *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

b. This is what the fisherman does with his net; he makes merchandise of the fish to be sold in the market. The parallel is plain, the “Seeker Friendly” gurus are selling their fish into an endless stream of merchandise, until they themselves are no more than merchandise.

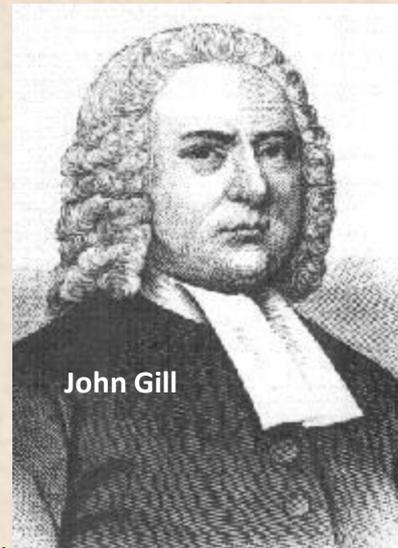
c. What is being used to turn the church into a merchandising mall? “Feigned words” are used. **Feigned** - Only here in New Testament. From **Plastos**, *to mould*, as in clay or wax. The idea is, therefore, of words molded at will to suit their vain imaginations. - Vincent’s Word Study

d. **“Shall they with feigned words”**; made words, words of their own devising, and not which the Holy Ghost teacheth; whereby they cover themselves, and privily introduce their pernicious principles; and therefore new words and phrases are always to be suspected and guarded against, especially in articles of moment and importance: or with flattering words and fair speeches, great swelling words of vanity, having men’s persons in admiration, because of worldly advantage; and in this way they gain their point:” - John Gill Exposition of the Bible

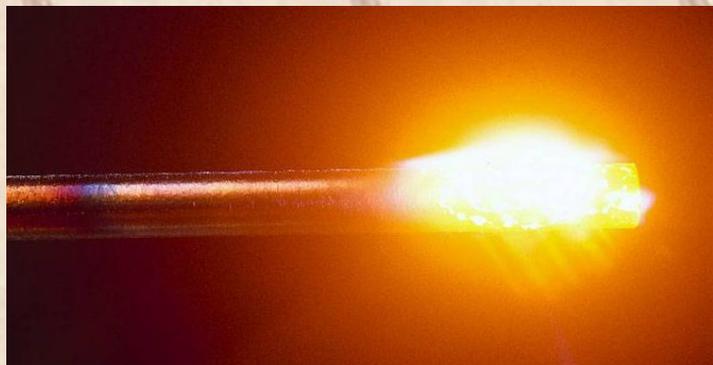


John Gill gives us a special warning, **“therefore new words and phrases are always to be suspected and guarded against,”** watch out for new words. Words like “Missional,” “paradigm,” and “emergent,” are used like chum into the area that the net is set to draw the fish in.. “Missional” is a word most Evangelicals identify with and are open too not realizing that “Missional” and “missions” are not necessarily the same thing.

e. I never cease to be amazed that the Holy Spirit’s ability to reveal to us the future through men like Peter. It would be humanly impossible for Peter to have known about Rick Warren and the Saddleback church’s experimenting, surveying, crafting, and forming a philosophy for church growth. With carefully crafted messages pastors, churches and people are persuaded to move from the “straight and narrow” to the new “Purpose Driven, Seeker Friendly” movement of the “Broad-Way” that leads to destruction. Molded speeches are being bought and sold, which are carefully molded to please and attract the fish. Anointed preaching of the Word of God has been replaced by the crafted speeches that are acted out.



4. It was very important to the Holy Ghost that we understand what is really happening in the “Laodicean net.” One of the reasons that the Holy Ghost speaks to us in such plain terms is that men we should be able to trust will mislead us with such deceptive terms that it will be difficult to not be deceived. Those men will often be the top leadership of the different denominational groups.



1 Timothy 4:1-2 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron”;

a. This was something that the Holy Ghost felt that the church must know. It must be known that in the time just before the Rapture of the church that there would be many who would stop teaching the faith. They would no longer teach the doctrines of the faith from their pulpits. They would simply act out lies that were cleverly crafted and molded in order to gather the fish into the net.

b. Demons would be at work in the end time church. Seducing spirits would enter men and these men would seduce and recruit other pastors, who would in turn corrupt their membership.

c. No longer would the pastors of the “net” be allowed to preach as the Holy Spirit would lead. Now these crafted messages, which often are no more than words of flesh pleasing entertainment, are manufactured and marketed to the “Seeker Friendly Net.”

d. At first those being seduced in their training seminars or better put “re-education camps” are being warned by the Holy Ghost that what they are being exposed to is wrong. If they persist on in the folly being seduced by the promise of church growth, they will find their consciences hardening to the point they will no longer be able to hear God’s reproof. The deeper they go into the demonic doctrine the more they sear their conscience. Often what happens the affected pastors cease to be able to hear God. They will hear from demons that they will now recognize as God. The growth of their church will be nothing short of phenomenal. While Satan will always hinder the true Gospel, the Laodicean gospel, he will anoint with his own spirit. No wonder Jesus told the Laodicean pastor he was blind.



B. The method of the “Net.”

1. Fishing nets are entrapment tools.

a. The net is a woven series of cells. Each cell linked to the other. Done in such a way that the water can flow through and the fish are trapped.

b. The counterpart of the fishing net is found in the “Seeker Friendly,” “Purpose Driven” and the G-12 movements it is the cell groups, sometimes referred to as the “small group” form a modern net.

c. The modern net is used to increase the harvest. It is not dependent on the Spirit of God or the individual free will of the convert.

d. A skilled fisherman targets the kind of fish he wants to catch. He goes to where

he knows that they are. It is common to chum the waters with bait the peculiar fish crave. This will serve to gather more fish into the area he plans to drag his net through.

e. No fish comes to the area because of the net. Either their natural space is invaded or they are lured into trapping area by the tempting chum.

f. The Laodicean Net targets a special kind of person to plant a “Missional” church. That church is structured to win an age group or an income level. The area is surveyed, the culture is studied and the chum that will draw the fish in is scattered into the trapping area.

g. Rock music replaces the hymn book because the “Seeker” would have it so. Just as in nature the fisherman is using the nature of the fish against the fish. The Laodicean fisherman studies the nature of his catch and then appeals to the nature of the “Seeker,” which is the flesh, to trap him. The spirit of the world is the devil, to please the “seeker” one must please his spirit.

h. Rick Warren, the lead voice in the “Mega-Church” movement, has this attitude towards music, "Saddleback is unapologetically a contemporary music church. We've often been referred to in the press as “The flock that likes to rock.” “We use the style of music the majority of people in our church listen to on the radio. Years ago, after being frustrated trying to please everyone I decided to survey our church. I passed out 3 x 5 cards to everyone in the Crowd service and asked them to write down the Call Letters of the radio station they listened to...What we discovered was that 96% of our people said they listened to middle-of-the-road adult contemporary music."

(Rick Warren, *Selecting Worship Music*, July 29, 2002)

"I will admit that we have lost hundreds of potential members because of the style of music Saddleback uses. On the other hand, we have attracted thousands more because of our music."

(Rick Warren, *Purpose Driven Church*, p. 285)

i. Mr. Warren's music is the chum that he cast into the area where he is casting his net. The good fish flee and the bad fish are attracted. If its goal is just to get a crowd then any rock music concert would be better than most “Seeker” church services. The conditions would be no better and no worse than if they had gone into the church. The Rock concert might be better; at least the concert promoters are up front about what their end desire is. They want to make money, while the “Church Growth” people want to capture the fish. It is more than the price of a ticket that they want to reap. They want to capture, take control of, and use the fish to build their own little kingdom.



2. Once the fish have gathered or been spotted the net is dropped into the water in such a way that the fish will not see or understand what the net is. The fish are often too distracted by the chum or natural food sources to notice the net. The other fish can block the view of the net.



3. The net begins to be drawn in. At first the fish may not notice the net. They will notice that the other fish are crowding them, pushing them around. They are not aware of the fact it is the net pulling them toward their doom. Only those on the edge of the group are able to see and feel the net. They may sound the alarm. They may try to flee but it is too late they have been entrapped. They are being pulled toward destruction. The weight of the other fish begins to crush upon everyone caught in the net. The life giving water begins to recede, then the gasping and violent struggle for life begins. Before to long all of that stops, life leave the fish, dullness comes to the eyes, coldness of death chases the warmth of life away. Everything in the net has died. The "Net" has lead the "Seeker" down the road of destruction.

4. To all of this Laodicea is a spiritual parallel to the "The Net Church." Meticulously, methodically, the "seducing spirits" of the "Church Growth Movement" are creating a net that being cast over all of Christianity. The training, recruiting, controlling is moving forward at a fevered pitch. Pastors are being pressured to cast their "Missional" vision like a cast net over their targeted school of fish. Few see the net, few fear it, most are totally blind to it. Laodicea is said to be blind.



That should be a warning to all. If you cannot see the net and its dangers after God give such plain warnings you may already be caught in the net.

C. The Results of the "Net."

Matt. 13:47-50 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: (48) Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. (49) So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, (50) And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

1. In nature everything caught in the net dies. Nothing in the net is helped by the net, only the fisherman profits from the net. He profits at the expense of the fish. What is true of the physical net has a counter part with the Laodicean church. Its net has death in it. No one will be blessed by being caught in it.

Hear what Jesus says to the Pastor, **Rev 3:16-17** “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. (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”:

- a. The bad are cast away and the “Purpose Driven,” “Seeker Friendly” church is spewed out.
- b. They were not aware of their true condition, “thou knowest not.”
- c. They were dead in their sins. To be naked is to not have your sins covered.

2. The physical net has no power to change the nature of the fish. If it is a good fish, it is placed in vessels. If it is bad, not suitable for sale it is cast away. The net has no transforming power, the power of the true Gospel transforms all who accept it.

a. The bad remains bad in the “Seeker Friendly” net. So what is the point in building the net? If the desire is to get the “Seeker” converted to a saving faith so he can have eternal life and there is no transforming power in the modern net it becomes nothing but a counter productive mess. If the desire is mere numbers and money then you may experience success in terms of building your own kingdom, but at what price?



b. The true Gospel changes the bad. That is the underlying message of the Gospel. We are all born bad because of Adam’s sin. We all need a savior. Jesus died for the whole world. Those that believe on him became good through the Grace of God. At the Wedding parable the good and the bad are invited. The good and the bad have the wedding garment on. **Matt. 22:10** “So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.” Notice the bad are not cast away. They are clothed with the wedding garment. A further reading of the parable will inform us that only the man without the garment is rejected. Where will Laodicean church find itself, if it is proclaimed naked?

c. We are informed as to what the wedding garment is, **Rev .19:7-8** *“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (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.”* The “Seeker” enters the hall without the garment, perhaps he is not told about the garment, lest he is offended. He remains without the Garment until he is spewed out of the wedding.

3. There is death in the net. Under normal circumstances the fishing net holds only death for the fish. Everything caught in that net will die. This is an alarming revelation to those who are caught in the “Seeker Friendly Net.” Please understand those who have been trapped by the “Purpose Driven” net will give up their eternal life in serving the “Purpose of the Net” owner. Life is not in the net and the net is not in the Life.

a. **John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

b. Laodicea is spewed out. The question is spewed out of what? The answer is out of the mouth of Jesus Christ. It does not remain a part of the body of Jesus Christ. Jesus will finish his letter to the Laodiceans by telling them he is standing outside knocking on their door. The Laodiceans are not in Christ and he is not in the Laodiceans. The absence of Jesus Christ is the absence of life. The absence of life is the presence of death. There is nothing but death in the net.



c. Laodicea is confused about life and death or good and bad. To the “Seeker Friendly” movement the good are those who comply with change. Those who give up their hymn book for the music of the world without a whimper are the good fish. Those who hold on to the hymns of the faith are proclaimed as idolaters by the “Purpose Driven” gurus. Those who still want to hold onto the doctrines of the faith, want them taught from the pulpit are accused of not being able to see the big picture. These are bad fish and must be cast out of the net. In this circumstance the seasoned Saints, ground in Biblical doctrines who see and resist the net maker changes are the “bad fish.” There are manuals of instruction that teach the “Seeker Friendly” pastor how to remove the trouble makers, those that are obstacles to the structural changes needed to make the church culturally relevant. The “bad” fish are cast out. Nothing connected to true Christianity is left, only death remains when the “Emergent Net” has completed its sweep.



4. All of the fish in the natural fishing net who remain in the net or are cast into the vessel are dead. The vessels do not have life-sustaining properties. Being cast into the baskets is to be deprived of the life-sustaining water. The water of Life is not present. Left there the fish will rot and all of the fish will become bad. Some by nature were bad, while other become dead because of the nature of the vessel. The only hope a good fish has is to escape the net while it has the strength to do so. This is the reason there are so many warnings in the New Testaments concerning the apostasy of the end time church.

a. Jesus wants you to see and heed the warning and be aware of the fact the false prophets are coming. **Matt. 7:13-15** ***“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (14) Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (15) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”***

b. He warns Philadelphia's pastor to not let a man take his crown. **Rev. 3:11** ***“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*** It will not be the Spirit of God who will bring change to the Philadelphia church, it will be a man. That man must not be yielded to, he must be resisted.

c. The Spirit of God through the Apostle Paul warns that just before the Rapture of the church and the coming of the Antichrist a “strong delusion” will be sent to those who do not love truth. This delusion will bring damnation to all who are deceived by it. The “strong delusion” is the “Seeker Friendly” movement. **2 Thess. 2:9-12** ***“Even him (Antichrist), whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”***

d. The “strong delusion” brings damnation. When you stop to think about it, isn't that one of the elements that is needed for the fishing net to get a big catch? The fish must not be aware of the net and its outcome until it is too late to escape. Throw a little chum in the water, get their minds off of what is going on around them. Throw them a few verses of Scripture, taken out of context, poorly translated from multiple translations to relax and confuse the fish until damnation's net has done its worst.

e. **Prov. 22:3** ***“A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.”*** Jesus wants you to see the evil and get away from it.

D. The Fishing net's connection to the Rapture of the Church. What happens to those who are caught in the “Seeker Friendly” net when the Rapture happens? This is a vital question and demands an answer.

1. Mat 13:49-50 ***“So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, (50) And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”***

a. The end of the world, is not the end of the earth, it is the end age. The end of the age comes with the Tribulation.

b. When the rapture takes place the just or the justified are taken up and the wicked are severed from the just. They are cut off. That is consistent with other passages dealing with those who are left. The parable of Talents and of the Evil Servant have the unprofitable servants cut off, punished with the same punishment.

c. During the Tribulation the earth will be a furnace of fire.

d. Isa. 24:6 *Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.*

2. The man without the wedding garment is left for the tribulation. **Matt. 22:11-14** *And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: (12) And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. (13) Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast [him] into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (14) For many are called, but few [are] chosen.*

a. He is left to the same fate as the wicked.

b. We are to understand that is not the many who are saved and go in the rapture, it is the few! If everybody is doing it, it may not be the safest thing to be doing.

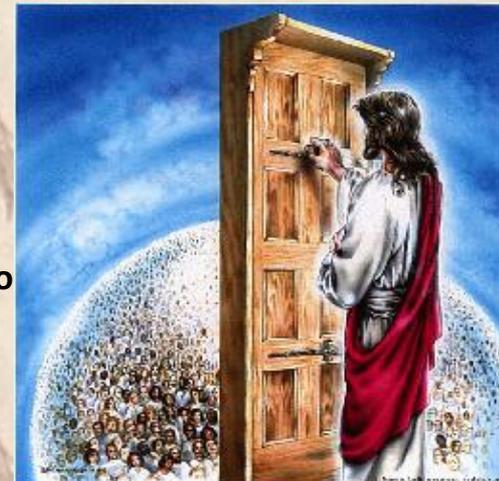
Finally what will happen to the owner and user of the “Laodicean Net?” This should be of special importance to the pastor who is considering turning his own church into a “Seeker Friendly” net. The warning is probably come too late for those who already own the net. The net has already blinded them. So my pastor friend what will happen to you if you brush aside this warning and press on in your folly?

A. You will be spewed out. You will not be a part of the body of Christ. You may be a part of a visible church group but you will not be a part of his body. **Rev 3:16** **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

B. Because God loves you he is going to try to wake you up. **Rev 3:19** **“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”**

1. You must respond and repent. You will have to turn from your net to live.

2. He will knock on your door, it will not be loud, you may have to turn the music down to hear his knock. **Rev. 3:20** **“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”**



3. You will have to open the door of your own free will. You will have to overcome the deceiving spirit that has so many of your fellow pastors deceived. You may have to be like the three Hebrew Children who stood alone as all others fell before the golden statue.

C. If the rebuke, chastening, and knocking are ignored then you will be told to depart from Christ.

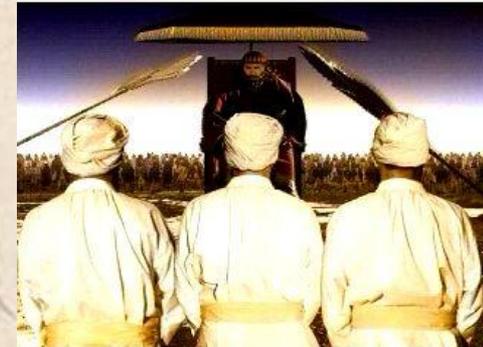
1. This is what Jesus will say to the "Broad Way Prophets," **Matt. 7:21-23** *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

2. You preached your positive messages, you built the cell structure of your net, you met the felt needs of the seeker but God was not in any of it. So you are going to hear these words, ". . . I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

3. All that you built, all that you did was for nothing. **Matt. 7:26-27** *"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: (27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."*

a. The storm will be the Tribulation. You have not prepared your followers to miss it, so they will suffer with you

D. You have become a wicked servant. So you will suffer the fate of the wicked servant.



Matt. 24:44-51 *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. (45) Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? (46) Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. (47) Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. (48) But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; (49) And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; (50) The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of, (51) And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

1. You have two fates before you. You can be a good servant or you can be a wicked servant who thinks his masters return has been delayed so you have time to build your own kingdom. You abuse your fellow servants. You steal their church from them. You push them out along with every thing they value. You take those you are able to control force them into your cell groups and push them beyond they're freewill to build your kingdom. All of this you did in the name of God.

2. If you choose the latter course then expect these events.

- a. Your going to get a surprise, Jesus will return when you are not expecting him.
- b. He will call you to account.
- c. He will cut you off.
- d. You will suffer the tribulation.

Nothing in Scripture is there by accident. Everything has a meaning. The foreknowledge of God has been given to all who would heed its warning of the fishing net. It is no accident that Jesus chose the fishing net to illustrate the church of the "Internet" age. The Internet is often just called the "Net." We are using this "Net" to send a warning to all who will read it. It is our wish that this will give to you what Gabriel brought to Daniel, "skill and understanding."

Dan. 9:21-22 "Yea, whiles I [was] speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. (22) And he informed [me], and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding."

John 3:16-20 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

Warning! The Apostle Paul gives a warning that every "Seeker Friendly," " Mega-Church," "Church Growth," "Emergent Church," "Word of Fath," "Prosperity Gospel" pastor should take very seriously, ***Col. 2:6-8 KJV "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: (7) Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. (8) Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."***

Col 2:8 AMP See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [*the teachings of*] Christ (the Messiah).

The method of the "Net" and Laodcean church is one of human effort, human will, psychology and manipulation. Train, train and control. The whole process brings enslavement, it is deceptive and will spoil you. Your faith and the faith of your followers will not no longer rest in the Cross of Christ and the Grace of God. You will be short circuited from the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Spews out or vomits Laodicea out, why should we swallow the vomit that she puts out?

It matters not whether follower or leader run from the "NET!" Your eternal soul depends on it. Get out while you can!

