

Scripture Reading - Revelation 3

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- 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

ABOUNDING

Abounding

- W. E. Vine defines the word rendered "abound" (perisseuo) as follows: "To exist in abundance"
- Joseph Thayer wrote the following regarding perisseuo, "to be in affluence to be pre-eminent . . . to overflow," (Thayer's Lexicon, page 505).
- The word perisseuo is used about 39 times in the New Testament and 15 times out of the 39 it is rendered "abound."

Abound In Faith

- "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith . . . , " Paul wrote to the Corinthians
- The troubling sin of Israel was the sin of unbelief- absence of trust and confidence in God as their provider and protector

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- **Hebrews 3:12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; **13** but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, **15** while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” **16** For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? **17** Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? **19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Abound In Faith

- We must endeavor to possess faith which exists in abundance, the kind of faith which is distinguished and overflowing
- **Acts 27:25** Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

Abound In Hope

- Paul wrote, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13).
- **Romans 8:24** For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Around In Hope

- 2 Corinthians 4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- 2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

Abound In Hope

- **2 Corinthians 5:6** So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. **7** For we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. **9** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

Abound In Hope

- Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
- Hebrews 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

Abound In Love

- "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment" (Phil. 1:9).
- **Matthew 22:37** Jesus said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

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- **1 Thess. 3:12** And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, **13** so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Abound In Love

- **1 Cor. 13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
- **4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

Abound In Love

1 Corinthians 13

- 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
- 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Abound In Knowledge

- The scriptures teach that we are to "add" knowledge, "increase" in knowledge, and "grow" in knowledge (2 Pet. 1:6; Col. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:18).
- Without knowledge we are blind and cannot see afar off (2 Pet. 1:5, 10, 11), unable to walk pleasingly to God (Col. 1:9, 10), and unable to approve the things which are excellent (Phil. 1:9, 10).
- To demonstrate not only the imperativeness of possessing knowledge but also of having it to a large measure Paul wrote, "Therefore, as ye abound in everything; in faith; and utterance, and KNOWLEDGE . . ." (2 Cor. 8:7).

Abound In a Virtuous Manner of Life

- "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus," Paul writes to the Thessalonians, "that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more" (1 Thess. 4:1).
- **Revelation 3:16** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. **17** Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'— and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

Abound In a Virtuous Manner of Life

- **Revelation 3:15** “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.
- If we are not careful we will cease to increase in holiness and sanctification of life (**1 Thess. 4:4-7**).
- Paul stated that not only are we to abound in a walk that is pleasing to God but we are to “abound more and more.”

Are You Abounding?

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.”

- In addition to abounding in faith, hope, love, knowledge, and a virtuous manner of life, we also are to abound in giving and teaching (2 Cor. 8:7) and in diligence.
- "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).