the AMEN

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; "These things says **the Amen**, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the Creation of God;"" (Revelation 3:14)

Amen: from the Greek word <u>Amen</u>, which is itself simply borrowed from the Hebrew word <u>Amen</u>. The root meanings are 'to be <u>firm</u>, or to be <u>sure</u>, or <u>faithful</u>, or <u>trustworthy</u>, <u>true</u>, or <u>truth</u>; sometimes translated truly or verily. (When used at the end of a prayer, or praise Amen means "so let it be" as an expression of agreement, <u>or desire</u>, that the prayer would be Faithful and True to the will of God.)

Firm: solidly in place and stable, having a firm foundation.

Sure: showing resolute determination and strength of character.

Faithful: loyal, constant, and steadfast; true to the original facts or message.

Trustworthy: able to be relied on as honest and truthful.

True: to be accurate and exact in accordance with fact and reality.

Truth: the quality or state of being true.

In Isaiah 65:16, the title "the God of truth," which in Hebrew is simply "the God of Amen", is used of the Father, and has similar meaning, or application, as the title 'Amen' that Jesus uses for Himself. Also, both titles are used within the context of prophetic rebuke towards the people of God. Read Isaiah 65:11-19, and Revelation 3: 14-22.

The truth of the prophetic word is founded upon <u>Who</u> is speaking! In the book of Isaiah it is the **God of Truth**, the **God of Amen**, the Father, Jehovah. In the book of Revelation it is **the Amen**, the **Faithful and True Witness**, the Son, Jesus. The prophetic word spoken is altogether true and trustworthy, and absolutely faithful and sure to come to pass, because the ones speaking, the Father and Son are altogether **Faithful and True Witnesses**.

What the Father had to say to His people in Isaiah chapter 65, both to the unrighteous, and to His faithful servants will certainly come to pass. What the Son had to say to His people in the church of Laodicea will certainly come to pass.

The **God of Truth** says this to the rebellious of His people:

"Therefore thus says the Lord Jehovah, "Behold, **My servants shall eat**, but you shall be hungry: behold, **My servants shall drink**, but you shall be thirsty: behold, **My servants shall rejoice**, but you shall be ashamed. Behold, **My servants shall sing for joy of heart**, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. And ye shall leave your name for a curse; that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in **the God of truth**; and he that swears in the earth shall swear by **the God of truth**; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from My eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth."" (see Isaiah 65:11-19)

The Amen, and Faithful and True Witnesses says to his lukewarm people:

"As many as I love (phileo), I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in/on My throne, even as I also overcame, and have sat down with My Father in/on His throne." (see Revelation 3: 14-22)

Jesus is...

... the Amen

the Faithful and True Witness of God, and to us!

"Amen, Amen – Truly, Truly – so You are Lord Jesus"