

LAODICEA: THE CHURCH THAT WAS LUKEWARM

(Revelation 3:14-22)

- A. The Vision of the Glorified Christ (1:9-20)
- B. The Church at Ephesus (2:1-7)
- C. The Church at Smyrna (2:8-11)
- D. The Church at Pergamos (2:12-17)
- E. The Church at Thyatira (2:18-29)
- F. The Church at Sardis (3:1-5)
- G. The Church at Philadelphia (3:7-13)
- H. The Church at Laodicea (3:14-22)

1. The city of Laodicea was located on the road to Colossae about _____ miles southeast of Philadelphia; it was known for its _____, and being one of the _____ commercial centers in the world. (v. 14a)

2. Christ described Himself in three ways (v. 14b) ...
 - a. As “*the* _____”

 - b. As “*the* _____ *and* _____ *Witness*”

 - c. As “*the* _____ *of the* _____ *of God*”

3. Christ declared that He saw their true spiritual condition and it was _____, neither cold nor hot, and He emphatically stated that He would _____ them _____ of His mouth! (vv. 15-16)

4. Physically this church was wealthy and didn’t have any pressing needs, but Jesus’ spiritual assessment was the complete opposite- “*you are wretched, _____, poor, _____ and _____.*” (v. 17, cf. Mark 10:23-25)

5. Christ's remedy for their condition was stated metaphorically, to "buy" from Him (v. 18) ...
- "refined gold" that which would truly _____ the Lord and make them spiritually _____.
 - "white garments" symbolic of _____ which would cover their spiritual nakedness.
 - "eye salve" in order for the church to _____ its own despicable _____.
6. It is _____ Christ _____ them that He rebuked them; He demanded that they _____ immediately and be "zealous" (literally *hot*) for spiritual things. (v. 19, cf. Heb. 12:5-13)
7. Jesus was standing _____ the church and knocking, He wanted to be invited _____ in order to sit down and have _____ with them. (v. 20)
8. In order to have fellowship with them, His _____ in v. 19 _____ to be _____.
- * Can v. 20 be used as a invitation for salvation?
9. Our Lord promises the faithful believer a place of the _____ conceivable _____ . (v. 21)
10. As with all the previous churches, Christ makes it _____ for each individual Christian in the local church to "_____ *what the* _____ *has to say to the churches.*" (v. 22)