

REVELATION

Seven Letters to the People of the Way / Rev 3:14-22



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Call to the Word

Rev 3:14-16



"And to 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:"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Call to the Word - Rev 3:14-22

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—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Call to the Word - Rev 3:14-22

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.
Therefore, be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand
at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice
and opens the door, I will come in to him and
dine with him, and he with Me. To him who
overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as
I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His
throne.

Call to the Word - Rev 3:14-22

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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Call to the Word - Rev 3:14-22

introduction



Living in Laodicea

For I've been living in Laodicea
And the fire that once burned bright,
I've let it grow dim
And the very Word I swore that I would die for
all has been forgotten
As the world's become my friend

Introduction

“Lukewarm people do not live by faith; their lives are structured so they never have to. The truth is, their lives wouldn't look much different if they suddenly stopped believing in God.”

(Chan)

Introduction

Outline

- Core Errors: v14
- Core Knowledge: v15
- Core Threat: v16
- Core Desire: vv 19-20

outline

*The Church **OF**
the Laodiceans*

Rev 3:14



Laodice



“The church **OF** the Laodiceans”

Not... church **of** Laodicea

Not... church **in** Laodicea

Col 2:1-4; 4:16

introduction

Issues

- Lack of enthusiasm
- Lack of Sound Doctrine
- Lack of unity

Infected with Gnosticism

introduction

Core Errors

Rev 3:14



The Amen

“so be it” – “it is certain”

*Jesus is “the personification and the affirmation of the truth of God.”
(Barclay)*

John 1:1

Core Errors / Rev 3:14

Faithful & True Witness

Of the One True and Living God

John 14:9

Core Errors / Rev 3:14

Beginning of the creation of God:

“ruler, source, or origin,”

Col 1:15-18

Core Errors / Rev 3:14

Core Knowledge

Rev 3:15



Lukewarmness is a picture of *indifference* and *compromise*

“They are neither hot for the truth, nor hot for conversions, nor hot for holiness, they are not fiery enough to burn the stubble of sin, nor zealous enough to make Satan angry, nor fervent enough to make a living sacrifice of themselves upon the altar of their God. They are ‘neither cold nor hot.’” (Spurgeon)

Core Knowledge: Lukewarm / Rev 3:15

Lukewarmness is a picture of *indifference* and *compromise*

“I pray you either to give up your profession, or to be true to it. If you really are God’s people, then serve him with all your might; but if Baal be your god, then serve him. If the flesh be worth pleasing, then serve the flesh; but if God be Lord paramount, then cleave to him.” (Spurgeon)

Core Knowledge: Lukewarm / Rev 3:15

Core Threat

Rev 3:16



Vomit: To be expelled from the mouth of Jesus

Lukewarmness is a virus in the church to be expelled.

Core Threat: Expulsion / Rev 3:16

Core Desire

Rev 3:19-20



Be Zealous and Repent

Zealous = get hot

Repent = change your mind

Core Desire / Rev 3:19-20

I stand at the door and knock

“I want to rekindle the relationship”

The Lord is primarily concerned here with moving Christians from half-hearted commitment to full-blown repentance.

Core Desire / Rev 3:19-20

“Christ stands - waits long, at the door of the sinner’s heart; he knocks - uses judgments, mercies, reproofs, exhortations, to induce sinners to repent and turn to him; he lifts up his voice - calls loudly by his word, ministers, and Spirit.” (Clarke)

Song 5:2-6

Core Desire / Rev 3:19-20

The key to opening the door is to first **hear His voice.**

When we give attention to what Jesus says, then we can be rescued from our own lukewarmness and enter into a “zealous” relationship with Him.

Core Desire / Rev 3:19-20

*His rebukes are awful; but his promises are full of
tenderness and kindness.*

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