

The Church at Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22

Introduction:

Ephesus	Lost her first love
Smyrna	Stay faithful in pressure
Pergamos	Repent and turn from compromise
Thyatira	Stop following Jezebel doctrines
Sardis	You are dead and don't even know it
Philadelphia	You have an open door/ I find strength in your weakness

Laodicea:

Laodicea = Founded by Antiochus II in 3rd Century BC

Laodicea = wealthy city = Produced wool and fabric and also was known for great banking systems.

60 AD Earthquake devastated the city but needed no financial assistance – they rebuilt it on their own.

Had 2 sources of water

Received hot water from a hot mineral spring outside of the city and received cold water from a spring in the city of Colossae. Thus, when water arrived it was lukewarm in temperature.

Verse 14 The Speaking Christ

1. The Amen.
2. The faithful and true witness.
3. Amen/truth/faithful = confirmation of all things.
4. Jesus is the true confirmer of what is righteous.
5. The beginning and the God of the creation.
6. He is Creator = Colossians 1:15-16 / John 1:1-3 / Hebrews 1:1-2.
7. Jesus is the source of all things, not the church.
8. James 1:17 Every good gift and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights in Whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Verse 15-18 The Confused Congregation

1. You are neither cold
2. You are not hot
3. You are lukewarm
4. There are hearts that burn with passion for God
5. There are hearts that are cold to God
6. Lukewarm = Clearas = tepid
7. Hot cup of coffee or cold drink of water
8. I will spew thee out of My mouth
9. As a church they were disgusting to Me
10. You think you are rich
11. You think you need nothing
12. You are wretched
13. You are miserable
14. You are poor
15. You are blind
16. You are naked
17. You are all these things but you don't even know it
18. Black ice example
19. A plane on auto pilot will eventually crash.

Verses 18-19 The Chastening of God

1. Let Me refine you as gold
2. So that you may be rich and white in raiment
3. You need to be rich in righteousness
4. And clothed in purity
5. That the shame of thy nakedness may not appear
6. Anoint your eyes with eye salve that you may see.
7. Medical supplement pill to be crushed in ointment = Tephra Phrygia

8. I chasten those that I love
9. Repent of this sin
10. Be zealous = get hot and excited about God again

Verse 20 The Christless Church

1. Behold I stand at the door and knock
2. If you hear My voice
3. Open the door
4. I will come in and sup with you
5. Stephan Alford pastor and portrait without God
6. Where are we when we are without God.

Verse 21-22 The Challenge to Overcome

1. If you overcome
2. You will sit with Me at My throne
3. You will be with Me and My Father
4. He who has an ear let him hear.

Conclusion:

1. It is a tragedy to not be on fire for God
2. It is a tragedy to not even know
3. See / Repent / Listen / Zealously obey

Challenge:

1. If God is knocking hear My voice.
2. Search your hearts.
3. Pleasant View Baptist Church – is this us?