

**“The Lukewarm Church”**  
**Revelation 3:14-22**  
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**Introduction: Background**

- It is known as the church of Laodicea or the Lukewarm Church.
- Profitable industry from the production of wool garments, and they specialized in black wool that came from their distinctive black sheep, also they specialized in the manufacture of a healing eye salve.
- Each of the 7 Churches represent a distinct time period in a prophetic timeline of Church History, and the church of Laodicea represents the modern-day church.
- This will be the last day’s church, and it will stand in direct opposition to the faithful church from Revelation 3:7-13, the church in Philadelphia or the Faithful Church.
- The name Laodicea is a compound word meaning “The rights of the people.”

**Revelation 3:14:**

**2 Corinthians 1:20** For all the promises of God in Him (Jesus) are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

**Colossians 1:15-18** *Jesus* is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

**Revelation 3:15-16:**

- This is most scathing rebuke out of all of the letters.
- Jesus is explaining three spiritual states a person can be in:
  - 1) A person who is cold...
  - 2) A person who is on hot...
  - 3) A person who is Lukewarm...
- Jesus wishes the Laodiceans were either cold or hot.
- Lukewarm disgusted Jesus to the point of wanting to vomit.

**Revelation 3:17:**

- Their true reality is that they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked!
- Jesus looks at this church, and He has not one good thing to say to it.
- The only hope for them, is to hear the counsel He gives next...

**Revelation 3:18:**

Contrast with **Revelation 2:9** "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich);"

- Jesus says the gold He offers comes through the refiner's fire.
- Jesus explains that they need His white garments provided through His righteousness.
- Jesus explains they also need to anoint their eyes with eye salve.

### **Revelation 3:19:**

- Those Jesus loves, He rebukes and chastens.

**1 Peter 5:5-6** "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

### **Revelation 3:20:**

- Jesus is polite.
- Jesus is here knocking on the door of the churchgoer, who has failed to see their true spiritual state.

### **Revelation 3:21-22:**

- God's Word is the ultimate truth.
- We must see ourselves honestly.
- One day we will sit with Him on His throne as He sits with the Father on His.

### **Closing Application:**

- Truthful self-assessment.
- Respond to the Spirit's leading.