

Revival Christian Fellowship

The Seven Churches of the Apocalypse

Revelation 3:14-22 - The Last Days Lukewarm Church

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Main Point: The Laodicean church's lack of devotion to Christ is representative of many churches in the Last Days.

Introduction

- How does 1 Timothy 4:1-2 illustrate what can happen to some churches and individuals in the Last Days?

Understanding

1. The Salutation. Read Revelation 3:14.

- a. How did Jesus introduce Himself in verse 14? Look at each phrase and scripture below. What does this tell you about Him?

- i. "... Amen,"

- ii. "the faithful and true witness,"

1. John 14:8-12

- iii. "the beginning of God's creation."

1. John 1:1-3

2. Colossians 1:15-17

- b. The false doctrine of Arianism teaches that Jesus was a created being, not divine. How do the scriptures above refute that belief?

2. Christ's Condemnation. Read Revelation 3:15-17.

- a. What appears to have made this church so distasteful to Christ that He had nothing good to say about it?

- b. How did the church view itself? How is this different from Jesus' view of the church?

- c. Why is it tempting for people who have much to lose sight of the depth of their need for God?

- d. How would you describe a church or individual that is lukewarm?

- e. What are the dangers of this type of spiritual apathy for a church and individual Christians?

- f. Why is it difficult to communicate Biblical truth to those who are lukewarm in their relationship with God?

- g. What can we learn about how God looks at us from the following scriptures?
 - i. 1 Samuel 16:6-7

- ii. Luke 18:9-14

3. Christ's Counsel. Read Revelation 3:18-20.

- a. What did Jesus tell us to “buy” from Him so that we’ll have what we need?
Obviously, He didn’t mean for us to literally pay Him. So what does it mean for us to buy from Jesus gold refined in the fire, white clothes, and ointment?
- b. Describe repentance in your own words. Why is this something God values so highly? What do we communicate to Him when we practice genuine repentance?
- c. What does the word picture of Jesus knocking on the door say to you?
- d. What does it look like to “eat with” Jesus (v. 20)? Why is this an appropriate picture of spiritual intimacy with Him?
- e. What insights can we learn from the scriptures below?
 - i. Psalm 51:16-17
 - ii. Isaiah 55:1
- f. What hinders you from having intimate fellowship with Jesus, from daily opening the door of your heart to Him?

4. Christ's Comfort to the Church. Read Revelation 3:21-22.

- a. To whom was Jesus speaking in verses 20-22? What were the implications of His words?

Application

- What areas in your life might you be tending toward lukewarmness toward God? What needs to change?