

The Church in Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22

📖 Colossians 4:16 (NIV84) “After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea.”

📖 Revelation 3:14 (NIV84) “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.”

The **CONDITION** of lukewarm Christianity.

📖 Revelation 3:15 (NIV84) “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!”

Three Spiritual Temperatures

1. The **hot** heart is **on fire** for God.

📖 Luke 24:32 (NIV84) “They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’”

2. The **cold** heart is **hostile** toward God.

📖 Matthew 24:12 (NIV84) “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.”

📖 Romans 8:7 (NIV84) “The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.”

3. The **lukewarm** heart is **apathetic** toward God.

📖 Revelation 3:16 (NIV84) “So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

The **CAUSE** of lukewarm Christianity.

📖 Revelation 3:17 (NIV84) “You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.”

📖 Revelation 3:18 (NIV84) “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.”

The **CURE** for lukewarm Christianity.

📖 Revelation 3:19 (NIV84) “Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.”

📖 Hebrews 12:5–11 (NIV84) “...My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.” ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! ¹⁰ Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

📖 Revelation 3:20–22 (NIV84) “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

📖 Revelation 3:20 (KJV) “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

Digging Deeper: Do you worship God with all of your heart? What is your spiritual temperature today? Are you on fire for God? Has your heart grown lukewarm to the things of God? Has your heart ever been warmed by the presence of God? Do you hear Jesus knocking? Will you open your heart to Him today? When was the last time you just hung with Jesus?

