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The Lukewarm Church

Revelation 3:14-22

I. The Setting / Speaker (v. 14)

A. The city

B. The church (Col. 4:16)

C. The characteristics of Christ emphasized (2 Cor. 1:20)

1. The _____ (2 Cor. 1:20)

2. The _____ (Rev. 1:5)

3. The _____ (Rev. 22:13; Jn. 1:1-3; Heb. 1:2;
Col. 1:15-17)

II. The Strengths

III. The Sin / Suffering (vv. 15-17)

A. _____ cold nor hot (v. 15) [Matt. 24:12; Lk. 24:32]

B. _____ (v. 16) [Titus 2:11-14]

C. _____-sufficient (v. 17) [1 Cor. 4:7-8]

IV. The Solution (v. 18-20)

A. Realize your utter dependence on Christ (v. 18)

1. Buy gold refined in the _____ (v. 18a) [1 Pet. 1:7]

2. Clothe yourselves with _____ garments (v. 18b)
[Rev. 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13; 19:14]

3. Anoint your eyes with _____ (v. 18c) [Jn. 9:25]

B. _____ of your negligence of Christ (v. 19) [Heb. 12:6]

C. _____ your fellowship with Christ (v. 20)

V. The Summation (vv. 21-22)

A. The faithful over-comer (v. 21a)

B. The forever promise (v. 21b)

C. The final counsel (v. 22)

TAKE HOME

- If you have been experiencing symptoms of lukewarm “Christianity,” what is your plan to snap out of it?
- Have you ever repented of an apathetic heart toward spiritual things?
- Have you fully opened the door of your heart to Christ to come in and dine with you and you with Him?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Revelation 3:14. What did we learn about the city and church of Laodicea today? Why does Christ reveal Himself this way to this church? How does this relate to your life in our church today? (2 Cor. 1:20; Rev. 1:5; 22:13; Jn. 1:1-3; Heb. 1:2; Col. 1:15-17)

2. Read Revelation 3:15. What were the strengths of this church? What were its weaknesses? How could Jesus say I wish you were cold instead of lukewarm? (Matt. 24:12; Lk. 24:32; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 4:7-8)

3. Read Revelation 3:16. What does it mean to be lukewarm? What does Christ say he will do to those who are lukewarm? Is it possible to be a Christian and be lukewarm?

4. Read Revelation 3:17. At any point in your life, have you ever had an attitude like this? Explain.

5. Read Revelation 3:18. What does Jesus mean by “buy?” How do these three things relate to the historical context? Which one of these do you need most in your life today? (1 Pet. 1:7)

6. Read Revelation 3:19. Discuss this concept of loving and reproving. How do we find the balance? Can you really love if you never discipline? Discuss. (Heb. 12:6)

7. Read Revelation 3:20. What is this verse talking about? Have you opened your heart to Jesus? What does this dining, or fellowship, with Jesus look like?

8. Read Revelation 3:21-22. Are you an over-comer? What benefit does this give you in Heaven? What are some of the other benefits listed in Revelation 2-3?

9. What life lessons have you learned in this series? What change do you think you need to make as result of these letters to the seven churches of Revelation?

“Perhaps none of the seven letters is more appropriate to the twentieth century church than this. It describes vividly the respectable, sentimental, nominal, skin-deep religiosity, which is so widespread among us today. Our Christianity is flabby and anemic. We appear to have taken a lukewarm bath of religion.”