

Your Last Chance
Revelation 3:14-22
The Church at Laodicea

Laodicea is located 40 miles SE of Philadelphia in Turkey. Near Colossi and Hierapolis. It is along a set of limestone cliffs with hot water mineral springs pouring over the cliffs. By the bottom, the water is lukewarm and tastes bitter.

Laodicea was known for its extreme wealth. They had three industries:

1. _____
2. _____ that produced a unique soft black wool cloth
3. _____ that specialized in eye problems

Laodicea literally means 'people rule' and the characteristic of this place was wealth that made the people _____. Jesus ends up attacking the spirit behind these three industries.

I. The Character of Christ Behind the Message

Vs. 14 - He is the _____ - Agreeing with the unchanging character of God.
2 Corinthians 1:18 - His promises are _____ in Him.

II. The Condition of the Church

Vs. 15-17 Lukewarm is _____ carnality. It means those who say they are believers but are not.

Cold = _____

Hot = _____

Lukewarm = those who profess Christ but are _____

God will not spit out a _____

To believers He says, _____

To unbelievers He says _____

The description of these people does not fit a believer

- wretched = totally _____ Romans 7:24
- miserable = don't _____ in resurrection 1 Cor 15:16
- poor = totally _____
- blind = the god of this age blinds _____ 2 Cor. 4:4
- naked = no _____

There are many who claim to be but who are not in God's family. They lack the belief in the _____.

III. The Counsel to the Church

Vs. 18 - Because they are so lost, God counsels them to do three things.

- Buy from Me _____ refined in fire
- 1 Peter 1:7 - genuine _____

• Buy from Me _____ garments
Revelation 7 - righteous robes _____ by the blood of Christ

• Buy from Me eye _____
1 John 2:20 - anoint your spiritual eyes to see what is _____

Vs. 19 - These people were saying they were Christians but were not. So Jesus says REPENT!
There needs to be a radical change of heart, soul and action.

IV. The Challenge to the Church

Vs. 20 - Christ is knocking. _____ the door.

Four Views of the Door

1. Christ is standing outside the door of an _____ Laodicean church.
2. The _____ coming of Christ.
3. The door of a believer's _____
4. The door of an _____ heart.

V. The Consequences to the Church

Vs. 21 - To _____ Jesus will allow them to
sit on a throne in Heaven to judge the world during the millennium.

Two thrones.

The throne of the Heavenly _____

The throne of _____ (the throne of his father David)

True Christians are made into _____ (Rev. 1:6)

Therefore hold fast. It will be worth it all when we see Jesus.