

Revelation 3:14-22
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“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” – Revelation 3:20

Themes:

Verse 14 – Greetings from Jesus Christ to the pastor and church of Laodicea

Verses 15-16 – I know your works and spiritual condition. You believe you are rich, hot, and need nothing but you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked, and lukewarm

Verses 18-19 – Come to Me for all your needs and repent from your self-sufficiency

Verse 20 – Jesus is calling the church to be in fellowship with Him

Verses 21-22 – Promise for all who overcome

Questions:

- * Read verse 14 and in your own words, what do these titles tell us about Jesus?
- * Why would God wish that someone was cold rather than being lukewarm?
- * What is Jesus going to do according to verse 16 because of this lukewarm condition of the church?
- * Read verse 17. How does the church of Laodicea see themselves? How does Jesus see them?
- * What counsel does Jesus give the church in verse 18?
- * If we are being rebuked and chastened by God, what does that mean? verse 19
- * Who is Jesus talking to in verse 20? The unsaved or the saved?
- * What does it mean to “dine” with someone?
- * What promise does Jesus give to those who overcome in verse 21?
- * Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any lukewarmness in your life. Repent and invite Jesus into that area.

Additional Study:

Verse 14:

- * True (*alethinos*) – real, genuine
- * The Beginning (*arche*) – source not first thing created

Verse 15:

- * Cold (*psukros*) – thermal state of being cold
- * Hot (*zestos*) – boiling

Verse 16:

- * Lukewarm (*chliaros*) – tepid, somewhere between hot and cold

Verse 17:

- * I am rich (*plousios*)
- * Have become wealthy (*plouteo*) – to have considerably more than the norm in society
- * Wretched (*talaiporos*) – being in a pathetic or miserable state
- * Miserable (*eleeinios*) – to be deserving of pity because of one’s miserable condition
- * Poor (*ptochos*) – of little value
- * Blind (*tuphlos*) – fig. unable to understand
- * Naked (*gumnos*) – fig. spiritual poverty

Verse 18:

- * I counsel (*sumbouleuo*) – advise (not demand) [an invitation] you to
- * That you may be clothed (*periballo*) – adorned, wrapped
- * That the shame (*aischune*) – painful feeling due to the consciousness of having done or experienced something disgraceful
- * Nakedness (*gumnos*) – here fig. spiritual poverty
- * May not be revealed (*phaneroo*) – displayed, disclosed

Verse 19:

- * As many as I love (*phileo*) – I chasten
- * Be zealous (*zeloo*) – earnestly seek, desire
- * And repent (*metanoeo*) – feel remorse, repent

Verse 20:

- * And dine (*deipnon*) – the main meal of the day