

Laodicea
Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴ “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. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ 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 that person, and they with me.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Laodicea

1. It was a financial centre
2. It was an agricultural and industrial centre
3. It was a medical centre

Laodicea needed to understand that Jesus was three things

1. The Amen:
2. The faithful and true witness:
3. The ruler of God’s creation:

1. This was the church that Jesus couldn’t stomach (15-17)

They claim three things about their own situation

- I am rich
- I have acquired wealth
- I need nothing

2. This was the church that Jesus told to go shopping (18-19)

They are told to buy three things

1. gold refined in the fire so that they could become rich
2. clothes so that their shameful nakedness would be covered and
3. salve for their eyes so that they could see

3. This was the church that locked Jesus outside (20-22)

Concluding Implications