

The Church at Laodicea – Unaware of Its Need

Revelation 3:14-22

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What will the churches be like when our Lord _____ again? Laodicea is the _____ of the seven churches in Revelation and represents the last period of church history. Christ had _____ good to say about this church. What God says to it is very important and pertinent to us today.

A. The City of Laodicea

1. Its location and _____
 - a. About 40 miles southeast of Philadelphia on the _____ to Colossae
 - b. Antiochus II founded it about 250 BC and named it after his _____, Laodice.
 - c. It controlled the _____ to the interior province of Phrygia.
2. Its _____
 - a. Under Roman rule it became _____.
 - b. It had a very profitable business from the _____ of black woolen cloth.
 - c. Free citizenship to the Jews was offered to _____ them to move there.
 - d. The Roman governor Flaccus in 62 A.D. banned the exporting of _____ to bolster its currency
 - e. It had a _____ school and produced a tablet (Tephra Phrygia) that when crushed and put on the eyes would _____ eye ailments.

B. Christ's _____ to the Church

1. Christ's description (v. 14)
 - a. The _____ ("so be it", "verily") – indicates His sovereignty and the certainty of His promises. (1 Cor. 1:20)
 - b. The Faithful and _____ Witness (in contrast to the Laodicean church which was neither faithful nor true)
 - c. The beginning of the creation of God (not the _____ of creation, but He is _____ all creation) Col. 1:15,18; Rev. 21:6
2. The indictment – neither cold _____ hot
 - a. The most scathing _____ to any of the churches
 - b. Different _____ states
 - (1). Coldness (no _____ or spiritual fervor)
 - (2). _____ or spiritual fervor
 - (3). Lukewarm (mostly did not _____). (Some professors who had a _____ interest, but whose lifestyle raised questions about the _____ of their spiritual relationship with Christ).
 - c. Their _____ in riches
 - d. They were unconscious of their _____, and what they needed they could _____ buy.
3. Warning to _____ with an invitation and promise
 - a. Focus is on those who _____ to follow Christ.
 - b. The true believer has an _____; judge himself and put away his sin, or _____ God's chastening. (1 Cor. 11:31-32)
 - c. Enjoy sweet _____ with the Savior.