

Today's Theme

“Laodicea Was Lagging”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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Church 1 Ephesus:

We must *know* of Gods love - To love Him back!

Church 2 Smyrna:

They were *rich* - Because they knew their *future*!

Church 3 Pergamum:

Some stood *strong* - Hidden *manna* & *assurance*!
Some went the *worlds* way - They listened to *evil*!

Church 4 Thyatira

They were *tolerating* evil - Gave *time* to *change*!
Stay away from evil - *Hold* on to Me!

Church 5 Sardis

People thought they were *alive* spiritually!
But in reality they were *dead* - Had *work* to do!

Church 6 Philadelphia

Jesus told them - They were *small* but *mighty*!
Because they *followed* & *stood* Him!

1. Jesus takes a *look* at Laodicea.

Rev 3:14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

(1) So what *about* Laodicea?

1. Founded before 253 BC.
2. 100 mi east of Ephesus & 40 from Philly.
3. Located on a plateau 200 feet high.
4. A strategic *banking* center of the area.
5. Paid for its own reconstruction in 60 AD.
6. Most famous for an eye salve *created*.

(2) Jesus gives this *message*.

1. Jesus is *true* & *confirms* promises.

Rev 3:14 These are the words of the Amen, . . .

2. Jesus is perfectly *accurate* & *reliable*.

Rev 3:14 . . . the faithful and true witness, . . .

3. Jesus & His *power* *created* everything.

Rev 3:14 . . . the ruler of God's creation.

2. Jesus directly shares His *concerns*.

(1) I see *everything* and this is *true* for you.

Rev 3:15 I know your deeds that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

1. Hot is to be spiritually *alive*.

2. Cold is one who *rejects* Jesus.

(2) This is your true spiritual *condition*.

Rev 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

1. Lukewarm is in a *category* by itself.

2. It's *without* value but *looks* reasonable.

3. You make Jesus *sick* to His *stomach*.

(3) Your *perception* of who-you-are is *not* right.

Rev 3:17 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.

This is what you *think* about yourselves:

1. They placed their *security* in *money*.

2. They're *deceived* about their *condition*.

This is what your real *reality* is:

1. You are *blind* to who you really are.

2. You have *no* part with *me*.

3. Jesus tells them what they *need*.

Rev 3:18 I counsel you

(1) We need the gold Jesus offers.

Rev 3:18 . . . to buy from me gold refined in the fire,

(2) We need the white clothes Jesus offers.

Rev 3:18 . . . so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; . . .

(3) We need His *help* to see *right* spiritually.

Rev 3:18 . . . and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

4. Jesus makes Himself fully *available*.

(1) I will come after you no matter what.

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

(2) I'm *here* - I *want* you - *Come* on in.

Rev 3:20 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.

(3) The one who *welcomes* Me - Will *sit* with Me.

Rev 3:21 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.

Rev 3:22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."