

“In God (of Gold?) We Trust”

Revelation 3:14-22; cf. Lk. 12:15; Jn. 15:5; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Message #8: Jesus’ Letter to Laodicea

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The Ancient City of Laodicea (Rev. 3:14; cf. Col. 2:1; 4:16; Rev. 1:11)



Jesus’ Introduces Himself (Rev. 3:14; cf. Col. 1:15-20)

“witness”-- μάρτυς, μάρτυρος, *m*: a person who has been deprived of life as the result of bearing witness to his beliefs

“ruler or origin”-- ἀρχή, ἡς *f*: one who or that which constitutes an initial cause—‘first cause, origin.’ ἡ ἀρχὴ τῆς κτίσεως τοῦ θεοῦ ‘the origin of what God has created’ Re 3:14. It is also possible to understand ἀρχή in Re 3:14 as meaning ‘ruler’

Jesus’ Diagnosis of the Church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:15-17; cf. Lk. 12:15; John 15:4-5; 1 Tim. 6:6-11)

How Do We Avoid the Self-Sufficiency & False-Security Trap of the Laodiceans? (Rev. 3:18-20; cf. Prov. 3:5-6; Jer. 17:5-8; Matt. 6:9-13, 24; Jn. 15:4-5; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; 1 Pet. 1:7; Rev. 7:14)

“be zealous”-- ζηλώω^a; ζηλεύω: to be deeply committed to something, with the implication of accompanying desire—‘to be earnest, to set one’s heart on, to be completely intent upon.’

“repent”-- μετανοέω; μετάνοια, ας *f*: to change one’s way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness

Jesus Promises MORE Rewards for Those who Overcome (Rev. 3:21-22; cf. Lk. 22:28-30; Jn. 10:10)