

# LESSON FIVE

Revelation 3:14-22

Some biblical scholars teaching that each of the churches of the Revelation represents a specific time period in the history of the church. If that is true, then our final church of Laodicea represents the church of our day, so we need to pay careful attention to what the Lord says about this church. Could our church possibly mimic these issues?

1. How is Jesus described in verse 14? What is its significance to the church today?
2. What are the negative issues in the church of Laodicea? Can you relate those issues to the church of today?
3. What does the Lord counsel the church to do in verse 18? See Zechariah 13:9, Isaiah 1:18 and John 9:25.
4. Compare verse 19 to Hebrews 12:5-11.
5. Revelation 3:20 is one of my favorite verses. These messages were written to churches, therefore, to believers. What do you think it means that Jesus is outside the door of the church? To “eat with him” recalls a Middle East custom whereby strangers were welcomed into homes. What do you see in this verse?
6. What is promised to those who overcome? Compare to 1 John 5:1-5.

**Prayer** Our Father who art in heaven, you reach out to your people again and again to draw us back to your side. Thank you that you do not give up on us. You will knock on the door of our hearts again and again until we open our hearts to you and follow your Son, Jesus. Give us eyes to see you daily in our lives. Give us ears to hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit so that we are transformed moment by moment into the image of your Son Jesus. We praise you Father and love you. Amen.