

Revelation and Daniel – Revelation 3:7-13

Church and Passage	Characterization Verse 14	Commendation Verse	Criticism Verses 15-17	Charge Verses 18-20	Consequence Verse 21
Laodicea 3:14-22	The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation	NONE	Lukewarm, self-sufficient, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked	Buy refined gold from Christ, white garments, and eye salve. Repent & open the door	Will sit down with Christ on His throne

Christ:

The Amen – Literally, “So be it.” The Hebrew word for truth is “Amen.”
 “Because he who is blessed in the earth shall be blessed by the God of truth.” (Literally- Elohim Amen)
The faithful and true Witness – Jesus is always faithful to speak the truth in love. He was about to tell the Laodiceans their true spiritual condition because He loved them (verse 19).
The Beginning of creation – Literally the ‘origin’ of creation. Note John 1:3, Colossians 1:15-18, Hebrews 1:1-4. The Laodiceans were proud of their creativity but Jesus reminds them He is *The* Creator!

Commendation – None

Criticism:

You are neither cold nor hot – Their drinking water came from Colosse, six miles to the south, via an aqueduct. By the time it reached them it was “lukewarm.” Nearby Hierapolis had hot spring water, valuable for its medicinal effects. It was also hard to transport to Laodicea without losing its warmth and becoming “lukewarm.”
I will spit you out of My mouth – The Greek word *emeo* only occurs here in the New Testament and literally means “to vomit.”
Because you say: I am rich, and have become wealthy I have need of nothing but the truth is:
You are wretched – Used only here and Romans 7:24 and means enduring toils and troubles, afflicted.
and miserable – Used only here and 1 Cor. 15:19
and poor – Destitute of wealth, influence, position, or honor.
and blind – Physically or mentally blind
and naked – Spiritually bare and shamed

Charge:

Buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may become rich – Instead of real gold they should buy true spiritual gold that has been refined.

“The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests hearts.”

Proverbs 17:3

“...the fire will test the quality of each man's work...if it remains, he shall receive a reward.”

1 Corinthians 3:13-14

White garments:

+ *That you may clothe yourselves* – Note Revelation 19:8, Revelation 7, 4:4, Luke 9:29.

- *And that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed* – Note Genesis 2:25, 3:7-11, Isaiah 20:4.

Eyesalve to anoint your eyes, that you may see – Laodicea was famous for their eye salve. They needed spiritual “eye salve” which is probably a reference to the Word of God.

“For the heart of this people has become dull, and with their ears they scarcely hear, otherwise they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them.” Acts 28:27 (quoting Isaiah 6:10)

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline – Note 1 Corinthians 11:32, Hebrews 12:5-11.

“See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God...” 1 John 3:1

“For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines...”

Hebrews 12:6

Be zealous therefore, and repent – Zealous literally means “to burn with zeal.”

Repent – Change your mind and produce deeds that are pleasing to God. The only way for lukewarm Christians to become “hot” in their love for the Lord is to *repent!*

Open the door and allow Jesus to dine with them - This is not a verse that invites people to believe in Jesus for eternal life. It is spoken to the church in need of repentance, so that Jesus might have proper fellowship with those in it that repent, that is, open the door of their hearts. We do not “ask Jesus into our heart” to be justified! We do open the door of our heart to be sanctified!

Consequence:

I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne – The privilege or reigning with Christ will be the portion of the overcomer. Note Matthew 19:28, Luke 22:29-30, 1 Cor. 6:2-3, 2 Tim. 2:12.

My throne – Christ's Davidic throne on earth during the millennium (Isaiah 9:7, Matt. 25:31, Luke 1:32).

My Father's throne – Where Christ now sits at the Father's right hand (Hebrews 12:2).