

Lessons from the Lukewarm Church

Laodicea

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The Church That Made Christ Sick

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1. The Church And City

- Laodicea = “The Laity Rule & Judge.”
- The People Get Their Way

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2. Christ The Creator Of The Letter—3:14

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3. The Condemnations Of The Lord—3:15-17

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4. The Counsel —3:18-20

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5. The Confirmation To Overcomers—3:21-22

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