



Revelation 3:14-22

# Established or Self-Sufficient?

Comfort can quietly replace commitment.

# Lukewarm Faith Displeases Christ

**Lukewarmness feels normal, but it grieves Christ.**

One of the dangers of being established is assuming we no longer need God as desperately as we once did.

Lukewarm water is room-temperature water. It takes on the temperature of its surroundings. Spiritual comfort is "room-temperature" Christianity. It does not challenge the culture; it just blends in.

"Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot..."

# Self-Sufficiency Blinds the Soul

**They thought they needed nothing.**

“The question is not, ‘How much do we have?’ The question is, ‘How much are we still depending on Christ?’”

An established church is not defined by what it possesses, but by Who it depends upon.

“I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing...”

# Christ Offers What We Really Need

**Jesus does not only expose the problem, He provides the remedy.**

That means we do not just need better systems, sharper strategy, or stronger optics.

We need what only Jesus can give.

We need refined hearts (refine gold), clean garments (white raiment), and clear eyes (eye salve).

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire..."

# Christ Still Invites Repentance

**Then He says, "Be zealous therefore, and repent."**

Notice what He does not say.

He does not say Start another program, Build another committee, Add another ministry layer. He says: repent.

Repent. Return. Renew your dependence. Restore your fellowship with Him.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten... Behold, I stand at the door, and knock..."

# Behold, He Still Knocks



Think about that.  
The church was functioning.  
The church was gathering.  
The church was operating.  
But Christ was outside, knocking

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock..."