

# The Lukewarm Church Part 2

Rev 3: 14-22

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- Last week we started out study in Rev 3: 14-22
  - Here are the things we have discovered so far
    - This church does not receive any commendation
    - There is nothing good observed by our Lord
    - This is a church that is neither hot nor cold
    - It is filled with non-committed members
    - Laodicea was known for 4 things
      - Producing shiny black wool
      - A medical school that produced eye salve
      - And it was known for its putrid water
      - It was known for its wealth

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- Jesus introduced Himself to this church in 3 ways
  - He is the Amen (Vs 14)
    - He is the end of all things pertaining to relationship with the Triune God
  - He is faithful and true Witness
    - Everything we can know and understand about God is revealed to us in Jesus Christ
  - He is the Beginning (arche) of creation
    - He is the designer/sustainer of the creation (Col 2: 16-17)

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- He knows our deeds....
  - Nothing is hidden from His sight (Heb 4: 13)
- Because He sees and knows all things He speaks with authority....
  - You say.....
    - I am rich
    - Have become wealthy
    - I need nothing more beyond what I have
  - However, you do not know what you really are..

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- I am rich.....
  - First....we need to understand the deception of wealth
    - Foremost, the pursuit of wealth is never satisfied
    - JD Rockefeller, one of the richest men in history, was asked, “How much money does one need to be happy? His answer...”just a little more.”
    - Interestingly, the Hebrew word for wealth is “kesef”
      - The meaning of that word is “to desire”
      - Ironically, to follow the instruction of the Lord in His Word often brings prosperity??? (Deut 28)

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- What else does the Lord have to say about wealth?
  - Prov 30: 8-9...Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion, Lest I be full and deny *Thee* and say, “Who is the LÓRD?” Or lest I be in want and steal and profane the name of my God.
  - Mark 8: 36-38.....
  - I Tim 6: 6..... But godliness with contentment is great gain.
  - I Tim 6: 7-10.....
    - Doesn't verse 9 & 10 describe the United States?

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- Do you not know what you are?
  - Question.....
  - Did the Pharisee know he was a Pharisee?
    - Luke 18: 9-14
  - You see the hypocrite does not see himself as
    - Wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked
  - Question.....why the term “naked”
    - First....they had nothing to cover the nakedness of their soul (Matt 22: 1-14)
    - Was Jesus speaking to the Jews or to you and me?

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- Again, why the term “naked”?
  - Secondly, they had nothing for the storms of life
    - Matt 7: 24-27.....
  - Blind....they could not see past the horizon
    - II Cor 4: 18...While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.
  - Heb 12: 1-3.....
    - For the joy set before Him???? (Rev 3: 21)

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- Vs 18....come and buy?
  - Isa 55: 1...Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
  - “Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no languor know. These for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring. Simply to Thy cross I cling.
- Vs 19....Those whom I love.....

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- I reprove and discipline
  - Here is the reason why I do this....
  - You want to be on fire for God?
    - I appreciate your zealous religious fervor.....
    - But what I am looking for is a people zealous for repentance
  - Why?
  - There is no salvation apart from repentance
  - If you and I are sincere with God, repentance is a must!!!!

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- Vs 20...behold I stand at the door and knock..
  - On the door the lukewarm church goer????
  - How do we know this?
    - He is giving this message to a lukewarm church...
  - Note here.....
  - If anyone hears My voice and opens the door.....
  - I will come in and fellowship with them
  - How do we know this?
    - Because the invitation is a personal one.....

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- Here is the promise from The Amen....
  - I will grant him to sit with Me on My throne
- Vs 22....
  - Let him who has an ear, let him hear.....
  - Who in their right mind would not want to sit with Jesus on His throne?
    - The invitation is open.....
    - If anyone hears My voice
    - Has Jesus spoken to your heart today?