

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 LORD?” 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?