

“Hot, Cold, or Lukewarm? Taking Your Spiritual Temperature”

Main Text: Revelation 3:14–22 **Theme:** Jesus calls us to examine our spiritual condition and return to wholehearted, passionate devotion.

Main Passage – Revelation 3:14–22 (ESV)

14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. **15** “‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! **16** So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. **17** For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. **18** I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. **19** Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. **21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. **22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

I. The One Who Speaks (v.14)

Revelation 3:14 – “The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.”

Jesus introduces Himself in three powerful ways:

“The Amen”

- Jesus is the affirmation of every promise God has made.

 **2 Corinthians 1:20** –

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

“The Faithful and True Witness”

- Jesus tells the truth, fully and faithfully.

 **John 18:37** –

“Then Pilate said to him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—**to bear witness to the truth**. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.’”

“The Beginning of God's Creation”

- Jesus is the **source**, not the first creation—He is **Creator**.

 **Colossians 1:16** –

“For **by him all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... **all things were created through him and for him.**”

II. The Lukewarm Church (vv.15–17)

Revelation 3:15–16 – “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.”

The Laodiceans were **comfortable, wealthy, and self-reliant**—but Jesus saw **spiritual poverty**.

Revelation 3:17 – “For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are **wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.**”

Cross-References:

 **Matthew 6:24** –

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and money.**”

 **1 Corinthians 10:12** –

“Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

 **James 4:17** –

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

◆ III. Christ's Loving Correction (vv.18–19)

Revelation 3:18 – “I counsel you to buy from me **gold refined by fire**, so that you may be rich, and **white garments**, so that you may clothe yourself... and **salve** to anoint your eyes...”

Jesus gives three remedies:

- **Gold** = true faith and eternal treasure
- **White garments** = righteousness of Christ
- **Salve** = spiritual discernment

Revelation 3:19 – “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”

◆ Cross-References:

📖 **1 Peter 1:7** –

“So that the **tested genuineness of your faith**—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in **praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**”

📖 **Isaiah 61:10** –

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord... for he has **clothed me with the garments of salvation**; he has covered me with the **robe of righteousness.**”

📖 **Psalms 119:18** –

“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”

📖 **Proverbs 3:11–12** –

“My son, **do not despise the Lord's discipline** or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord **reproves him whom he loves**, as a father the son in whom he delights.”

◆ IV. Christ's Invitation (v.20)

Revelation 3:20 – “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

◆ Cross-Reference:

📖 **John 14:23** –

“Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and **my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.**’”

◆ V. The Reward for Overcomers (v.21)

Revelation 3:21 – “The one who conquers, I will grant him **to sit with me on my throne**, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

From spiritual poverty to **royal partnership**—this is the reward of the repentant.

◆ Cross-References (Full Verses):

📖 **Romans 8:17** –

“And if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

📖 **2 Timothy 2:12** –

“If we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.”

◆ CONCLUSION: What's Your Temperature?

Let's be honest before God:

- 🔥 Are you **hot**—passionate, alive in Christ?
- ❄️ Are you **cold**—distant and hardened?
- 🌫️ Or are you **lukewarm**—comfortable, religious, but empty?

📖 **Hebrews 3:15** –

“As it is said, ‘**Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts**’ as in the rebellion.”

ALTAR CALL / RESPONSE

Revelation 3:19 – “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, **so be zealous and repent.**”

Jesus is knocking. Will you open the door?

Let this be your moment to:

- Repent of lukewarmness.
- Rekindle your spiritual fire.
- Restore fellowship with Christ.