

CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
The Church in Laodicea: Be Zealous
Revelation 3:14-22
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We are all born with a piece of paper inside of us entitled “Things that make us important.” The things that get written down on this ledger of our soul becomes the basis of who we think we are.

BE CAREFUL OF THE CULTURAL TRAP

You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Revelation 3:17 NIV

The Laodiceans were known particularly for three things they did well:

Banking
Eye salve
Fine black wool

What trap awaits you? _____

WHAT IS YOUR TRUE SPIRITUAL CONDITION?

15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16 NIV

C. S. Lewis said, “Our age is marked by moderate vice and moderate virtue.”

Be passionate – Turn our heart towards God.

GOD’S INVITATION TO US

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. 19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:18-20 NIV

Gold from God refined by fire.

Garments of righteousness to clothe yourself.

Eye salve to remove our spiritual blindness.

THE PROMISE OF REWARD

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Revelation 3:21 NAS

The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:22 NAS

Recognize your sin and ask forgiveness.

Write out your identity checklist and remember who God has created.

Be zealous, set your heart towards God.

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor,
Serving the Lord.*

Romans 12:11