



In the Mirror

Dear Laodicea... You're Deluded and  
Deficient, Tepid and in Trouble  
Revelation 3:14-22

*The correction, consequences, and my conclusion*

# Revelation 3:14-22

- <sup>14</sup> “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.
- <sup>15</sup> “ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot.  
Would that you were either cold or hot!
- <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor  
cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.
- <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need  
nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable,  
poor, blind, and naked.

# Revelation 3:14-22

- <sup>18</sup> 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.
- <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.
- <sup>20</sup> 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.

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- <sup>21</sup> 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.
- <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

# The City of Laodicea



# The City of Laodicea (near Denizli)



# I. The Correction (v. 15-19)

- A. They were lukewarm, neither hot nor cold.
- B. They were deluded in their material prosperity thinking everything was good, but it wasn't.
- C. They needed heavenly riches and spiritual health far more than physical fitness and worldly wealth.

## II. The Consequences (v. 16, 20-21)

A. Negative Consequence: Jesus will eventually purge himself of the church that is lukewarm. (v. 16)

### B. Positive Consequences

1. If the church will give Jesus an open-door invitation, he will fellowship with them and, as the master of the house, provide for them. (v. 20)

2. To the faithful, Jesus will share his divine authority and inheritance. (v. 21)



# III. My Conclusion

1. Dear Ephesians... Remember, Renew, and Rework Your First Love
2. Dear Smyrna... You're Rich in Poverty, Free in Prison, and Alive in Death
3. Dear Pergamum... You're Standing yet Stumbling, and Cruisin' for a Bruisin'
4. Dear Thyatira... You're the Inverse of Ephesus, Lovingly Faithful yet Naively Tolerant
5. Dear Sardis... You're a Zombie Church Who Is Spiritually Comatose
6. Dear Philadelphia... You're Weak but Mighty, Denied but Accepted
7. Dear Laodicea... You're Deluded and Deficient, Tepid and in Trouble