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Message Series: The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire”

Today’s Message: Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church

Ephesians 3:14-20

1. Jesus Christ Revealed: Who He Is

Revelation 3:14 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1, 9

Hebrews 3:12-14

Truths About Jesus:

- 1) He is the “Amen” (“so be it” and “it is done”), He confirms all of God’s promises.
2 Corinthians 1:20
- 2) Jesus is “the Faithful and true witness” because His testimony is completely trustworthy.
John 12:49, 50
- 3) Jesus is “the ruler of God’s creation.” Jude 24, 25

2. Laodicean Church: What It Had Become

Revelation 3:15-18

Revelation 3:17

Notice: “But you do not realize that you are wretched...”

How Does This Happen? To A CHURCH, To A Country, To “Christians”?

Hebrews 2:1

Laodicea: A Lukewarm Church:

- 1) **Ingrown:** focused on own needs
- 2) **Lost Passion** for Loving Like Jesus
- 3) **Complacent**, lost focus on Jesus
- 4) **Self-Centered, Fearful Prayers:** Ignores cultural sins

Colossians 3:5, 6

Revelation 3:17

What They Are Clueless About:

- 1) “**Blind**”

John 9:40, 41

- 2) “**Naked**”

Isaiah 61:10

- 3) “**Rich**” vs. “**Rich in Mercy and Grace**”

Ephesians 2:4, 5

3. Me + You: What To Do

Revelation 3:16, 19-22

“**Lukewarm**”: get discouraged, too busy, distracted, spiritually lazy... stop caring—no serving, no sacrifice, no submitting to God

A Dissident Disciple? OR Silent, Fearful, Self-Centered?

Revelation 3:20

Consider This: What if Jesus entered every room of your heart, mind, and motives?