

Avoid Being Lukewarm Notes

Revelation 3:14-22

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Main Point: Lukewarm believers are nauseating to Jesus.

Laodicea

1. Did not receive any praise of props from Christ. They were severely _____.
2. It was an important and _____ city known as a center of finance.
3. It was famous for its fashion, especially soft, back _____ which was produced as a luxury item.
4. There was a large medical school known for its discovery of _____ ointment for vision problems.
5. It was wealthy, sophisticated, and self-_____, but it couldn't supply its own water.
6. They engineered an impressive _____ system.
7. When a devastating earthquake occurred in A.D. 60, Laodicea refused any help from Rome, choosing to rely on their own resources.
8. It was initially mentioned in a favorable light in Colossians 4:15-16.

Character of Christ (vs. 14)

1. Amen used as a title means “_____ and certainly” and was used in oaths to mean “so be it.”
2. Jesus is “faithful and true” meaning He can be _____ on.
3. The Phrase “beginning of God’s creation” means He is the ruler or _____ source of everything in creation.

Condition of the Church (vs 15)

1. The word “cold” has the idea of a breath of fresh air and “hot” refers to “boiling or _____.”
2. The word translated “lukewarm” means _____ warm.
3. It carries the idea of vomiting, of forcefully _____ something because it makes you sick.
4. The problem with the Laodicean church wasn't outright rebellion or open hostility, it was _____, self-satisfied uselessness.
5. They were spiritually _____, just blending in, making no real impact, offering no refreshment to the weary and no healing to the broken.
6. The phrase “need nothing” means to have “_____ hands.”
7. Jesus says they are:
 - Wretched – miserable and calloused.
 - Pitiable – they are pathetic in the truest sense of the word.
 - Poor – refers to extreme poverty.

- Blind – They could see their true condition because they were spiritually blind.
- Naked – They were spiritually exposed and uncovered before God.
 - Nakedness in the ancient world was a sign of _____ and humiliation.

The Counsel of Christ (vs. 18)

1. The phrase, “buy from me” is emphatic.
2. The good news is that we don’t have to pay for it because Jesus has _____ paid the price for us (Isaiah 55:1).
3. Themes reflecting Laodicea’s three main industries keep coming up.
 - Spiritual _____ – “gold refined by fire” (Ephesians 3:8).
 - Spiritual _____ – “white garment so that you may clothe yourselves.
 - Being clothed in His righteousness makes us _____, passionate, and ready for His presence.
 - Spiritual _____ – “salve to anoint your eyes” (Ephesians 1:18).
4. The reason Jesus uses such harsh language with the Laodicean church is because He _____ them and wanted to be back in relationship with them (vs. 19).
5. The word “zealous” means to be “habitually zealous.”
6. It’s derived from the same word for “hot” and means “to _____.”
7. Repentance can be defined as turning from sin to the _____.
8. This is an urgent appeal from Jesus which literally means, “to change _____ before it’s too late.

The Companionship of Christ (Revelation 3:20)

1. Jesus is an _____ in His own church.
2. Jesus is drawing attention to the shocking fact that He is on the _____ of His own church.
3. The words “stand” and “knock” are in the present tense, meaning this is a continuous action.
4. He’s simply calling the lukewarm back to a _____ relationship with Him.
5. He waits for us to hear and to open the door while He is still there, because at some point, He will _____ knocking.
6. _____ must open the door of your life to the Lord before He will come in.
7. When we open the door, He will come in and have food and _____ with us.
8. In the ancient world, sharing a meal wasn’t casual; it was relational, intimate, and unhurried.

The Conquest of Christ (vs. 21)

1. The same Christ who threatened to spew us out of His mouth now offers a seat with Him on His _____ (1 Corinthians 6:2, Revelation 20:4).

The Challenge to the Churches (vs. 22)

1. We are to lean in and listen by hearing and _____ what the Holy Spirit is saying.