

***The Lukewarm
Church — Neither
Cold NOR Hot***

Revelation 3:14-22



ASIA MINOR

The Seven Churches

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Ephesus

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Chios

Patmos

Rhodes



Main Street of Laodicea



Stadium of Laodicea – for Races



Roman Theater of Laodicea



Ruins of Bathhouse & Aqueduct Pipe



The Introduction

Revelation 3:14

- **What do we know about the city of Laodicea?**

- **Why did Jesus tell the church in Laodicea that He was the “Amen” and the “True Witnesses”?**

The Problem - 1

Revelation 3:15-16

- **Why did Jesus say that the church was not cold or hot?**
- **Why did Jesus say this church was lukewarm?**
- **What is the meaning of the Greek word that is translated as “spit”?**

The Problem - 2

Revelation 3:15-16

- **Why did Jesus plan to spit them out?**
- **Why do people go to the atheists' church according to the Sunday Assembly Online?**
- **Why do you go to church?**

The Problem

Revelation 3:17

- **What is the meaning of “I am rich” and “have need of nothing”? What does it reveal about the church?**

- **To what does being “wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” refer? What does this reveal about the church?**

The Warning

Revelation 3:18-19

- **What is the meaning of “white garments”? What does it reveal about the people in the church?**
- **What is the meaning that they could not see?**
- **What is the meaning of verse 19?**

The Warning - 1

Revelation 3:20

- **Verse 20 is a familiar verse that we incorrectly quote to our children. In what way do we incorrectly quote the verse? What door was Jesus knocking on?**

- **What does the verse reveal about the church in Laodicea?**

The Warning - 2

Revelation 3:20

- **The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares reveals that some non-Christians look like Christians. Do you think you might be a tare?**

- **Matthew 7:21-23 reveals that there are tares in the church who think they are going to heaven. What will Jesus say to them?**

Marks of a Christian

These are required to be a Christian:

- 1. A true Christian believes Jesus is God — John 8:24**
- 2. A true Christian sorrows over his or her sins. — 2 Cor. 7:10**
- 3. A true Christian believes Jesus died for the forgiveness of sins and was resurrected the third day. — 1 Cor. 15:1-8.**
- 4. A true Christian believes and confesses that Jesus is Lord. — Romans 10:9**

Marks of a Christian

These should be true of a more mature Christian:

1. A true Christian loves Jesus. — 1 Cor. 16:22; 1 Peter 1:8
2. A true Christian increasingly becomes more humble. — Matthew 5:3-12; Phil. 2:8
3. A true Christian wants **to be holy** and **strives to be holy** and **will be sinning less and less**. — Romans 8:13-14; 1 John 2:3-4 and 1 John 3:7-8.
4. A true Christian hungers to know Scripture. — 1 Peter 2:1-2
5. A true Christian understands spiritual truth. — 1 Cor. 2:12-14
6. A true Christian will be confessing their sins. — 1 John 1:9

The Promise

Revelation 3:21-22

- **What promise did Jesus give to the church?**
- **Describe the spiritual decline of a church.**
- **How can you prevent your spiritual decline and the spiritual decline of your church?**