

Revelation 3:14-22

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You 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. ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. ²⁰Here 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 him, and he will live with me. ²¹To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

I. Introduction

A. A Closer Look at Laodicea

1. The church voted _____ likely to succeed.
2. The _____ of men had replaced the _____ of God.

B. Four Things Jesus Reveals about Himself to the Church

1. Jesus is always the final _____.
2. Jesus will always keep his _____.
3. Jesus spoke everything we have into _____ (we have nothing without him).
4. Jesus' _____ is more important than the world's _____.

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

II. The Truth about the Lukewarm Church

A. Lukewarm Is

1. _____ and _____
2. _____ without _____
3. _____ trumps _____
4. _____ without _____
5. _____ without _____

B. The Risk

1. Churches who tolerate the "lukewarm" run the risk of losing their _____.
2. The greatest risk to the church is _____, not _____.

Isaiah 55:1

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come; buy wine and milk without money and without cost."

III. The Invitation to Intimacy

A. Evaluating the Cost

1. The cost of God's riches is _____.

Luke 13:5

But I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

2. The price of his glory is _____.

B. Evaluating Our Clothes

1. We must check their _____.
2. We must evaluate their _____.

Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

1 Corinthians 3:12-13

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

- What I am passionate about, I will _____,
_____, _____.

Week 9: The End Unveiled