

LAODICEA
Revelation 3:14-22

Rejected (14-16)

The One who matters (Psalm 73:25)

The AMEN (II Corinthians 1:20)

The faithful and true witness (John 7:16-18)

The Ruler of God's Creation (John 1:3 / Colossians 1:16-17)

The charge made – you are lukewarm (II Timothy 3:1-5)

Cold water brings refreshment

Hot water brings healing

Lukewarm water offers promise without substance (II Peter 2:17-19)

Emotionally driven churches

Experience driven churches

Ecumenical churches

Enamored with themselves (their buildings or their accomplishments)

Educated above others (gnostic) (I Corinthians 1:20-21 / I John 4:5-6)

Empty rituals or religious ceremony without relationship (Mark 7:6-7)

Expecting their best life now – health and wealth (I Timothy 6:5, 9-10)

The action taken – He will vomit you out of His mouth

Recognizing our true condition – spiritually (17-18) (John 14:23-24)

Wretched (I Timothy 1:12-16)

Pitiful (I Corinthians 15:17-19)

Poor – needing gold refined in the fire (I Peter 1:6-9)

Blind – needing salve for your eyes (II Corinthians 4:4 / Ephesians 1:15-19)

Naked – needing white clothes to cover our shame (Rev. 19:8/Rm. 13:14/Mt. 22:11-12)

Repentance is required (19-20) (Isaiah 66:2)

Receiving His rebuke and discipline (Hebrews 12:5-6, 11)

Repenting in earnest – being broken, desiring to change and willing to change

Responding to Him – OPEN THE DOOR – let Jesus have His way with you (Romans 12:1)

Rewards promised

To the overcomers (I John 5:3-5)

To sit with Jesus on His throne (Revelation 4:4)

As Jesus overcame

As Jesus sat on His Father's throne (John 17:20-24)

Discussion questions for Revelation 3:14-22

What does it look like to be 'lukewarm' toward Jesus? (I Samuel 15:20-23 / II Chronicles 16:9-12 / John 5:39-40)

What can help you to see the areas of your life that you are blinded to?
(Heb. 4:12-13 / Pr. 19:27; 26:12; 27:17)

What does it mean to practice repentance? In what areas do you struggle the most with being willing to change? (Hebrews 5:14 – 6:1 / Titus 1:15-16 / James 1:19-22)

How do the promises Jesus made to overcomers impact your life?

To the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

To not be hurt at all by the second death.

To be given the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name.

To receive authority over the nations and be given the morning star.

To be dressed in white and never blotted from the book of life.

To be made a pillar in His Temple and given His Name.

To sit with Him on His Throne.