Am I A Lukewarm Christian?

Greg Kline · Revelation 3:14–22

INTRODUCTION

- Beware, lest you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth. You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth.
- And so the question that we consider as we study this text this morning is Am I a lukewarm Christian?

1 The Lukewarm Church at Laodicea

Revelation 3:14–16; Colossians 4

- The church at Laodicea is the only one of the seven that receives such a message that had no positive message to stand on.
- Let's consider first and foremost that this was a church. These were Christians.
- We can be like this if we are not careful, if we are not diligent.
- I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

2 Their Self-Perception Was Off

Revelation 3:17–19

- For you say, I am rich. I have prospered, and I need nothing.
- Not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
- Yes, it was that they were lukewarm, that they were neither cold nor hot, but the problem was they thought they were fine.
- God sees us for who we are, not who we wish we were or for what we own, for what we do, or how much we make.
- Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline. So be zealous and repent.
- It is Jesus and Jesus alone who allows for forgiveness of our sins.

3 Be Honest and Reflective

2 Corinthians 13:5

- We need, as a church, to not be like the Laodiceans, as individuals to not be a lukewarm Christian, to be honest and reflective.
- Examine yourself, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourself.
- If we don't use the Bible as the mirror that God shows of how he wants us to be, how will we see the defects and the problems?
- Perhaps the easiest way for a group or an individual to leave Christ is rather an apathy that sets in from thinking I've made it good enough.

4 Beware of Keeping Church

Acts 20:28

- Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.
- How dare we be apathetic towards him? How dare we think that we are good enough?
- God's standard is holiness, not better than the world. God's standard is perfect holiness, not better than other churches.
- As Christians, yes, we are bought with the blood of Christ. That needs to change our everyday life.

5 We Need to Be on Fire for the Lord

Acts 4:13–20; 1 John 1:9

- We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard, because they knew who Jesus was.
- This isn't just about rule keeping. This is about living a transformed life.
- We cannot but change because of what we have seen and heard. We cannot contain our enthusiasm, our thankfulness, our zeal.
- Maybe we are, in fact, sacrificing some. But God expects us to sacrifice all.

6 What If Everyone Was Just Like Me?

- I have to really think about myself and say, have I really given my all to Jesus? Because He gave His all for me.
- Would it be one that's marked by evangelism, by zealous service, by love for others, by helping those in need? Or would it be marked by one of just getting by, doing what I have to do.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If everyone in this church was a Christian just like me, not regarding talents, not regarding health, but just with my dedication to God. What would Jesus say to us?**

MY NOTES