Are You Lukewarm?

Greg Kline · Revelation 3:14–22

INTRODUCTION

- Out of all the churches that are written to here in the book of Revelation, the church at Laodicea, the one church that had not a single word of commendation.
- So here you have Laodicea between some hot springs, just about six miles, and about eleven miles west is cool, refreshingly cold water. And yet they had lukewarm water.

1 God Knows Our Works

Revelation 3:15–16

- The point of this whole lesson this morning is that God knows our works.
- It doesn't matter what anyone thinks, it doesn't matter how anyone feels. It matters how we are.
- The church at Laodicea is not noted for teaching wrong things. They are condemned, though, for how they acted, for their mindset, for what they were or were not doing.

2 Hot, Cold and Lukewarm

Revelation 3:15–16

- If lukewarm drinks are that repulsive to us, why would anyone offer lukewarm service to God?
- Someone hot would be someone on fire for the Lord.
- Perhaps someone cold is someone who knows that there are churches. Perhaps even knows that there is a God and chooses, I want to live my life this way.
- Perhaps a lukewarm individual is the type of person who comes to church on Sunday and Wednesday and acts like the world on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

3 Not Realizing: Lukewarm Service Creeps Into Us

Revelation 3:17; Matthew 5:48

- Offering lukewarm service is not something that seems obvious because Satan designed it the exact opposite. Lukewarm service to God is something that creeps into us.
- God has not called us to mediocrity.
- You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
- There is no middle path. There is the broad way and there is the narrow way. There is no in between.

4 I Will Spit You Out of My Mouth

Revelation 3:16; Revelation 3:4; 2 Peter 2:20–22

- If lukewarm service causes us to be spewed from the mouth of God, that's probably not a good decision.
- As Christians, we know what we're supposed to do. But the church at Laodicea did too.

- It would have been better for them to have never known the way of righteousness, then after knowing it to turn back from the Holy Commandment delivered to them.
- We are disrespecting and not realizing the magnitude of the sacrifice of Christ.

5 The Safest Path to Hell Is Slow and Gradual

Revelation 3:17

- The safest path to hell is the slow and gradual one.
- The church at Laodicea slowly came to have faith in themselves rather than faith in God.
- It fell because they slowly focused on what they did have instead of focusing on working for God.
- To be an on-fire Christian, you have to be doing something.

6 Look at the Mirror of His Word

John 14:15; Revelation 3:18

- May we never get caught up in thinking that the ease of our life or the balance of our bank account translates to our faith in God.
- If you want to know that you are on fire for the Lord, take a look every morning at the mirror. Look at the mirror of his word.
- It's not about abstaining from evil. It's about clinging to what is good.
- I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich,.
- We don't face the option of hot or cold. We face the option of hot or lukewarm because we know the Bible story.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If God put the letter next to your name based on your service this past week, would it be an H, an L, or a C.**

MY NOTES