

I. The Message to the Church of Laodicea, Revelation 3:14-22

A. The City of Laodicea

-A very wealthy city

-Located on a major trade route

-3 major industries

Banking

Textile

Healthcare

-destroyed by an earthquake, needed to help

-Its water supply was brought from 2 locations via aqueducts

-one being Hieropolis, known for its hot springs

-40 miles southeast of Philadelphia

-10 miles from Colossae,

-this church was attacked by the false teaching of the inadequacy of Christ

-Paul asked that his letter to Colossae be passed on to this church, Colossians 4:12-16

B. The Description of Christ (vs. 14)

1. The Amen

Isaiah 65:16

II Corinthians 1:20

Acts 13:32-33

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ all that God says

Christ establishes the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Christ is the validation of all the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Christ accomplished all that God had/has planned!

2. The Faithful and True Witness

John 3:31-33  
Revelation 1:5

Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_ witness of the situation in Laodicea

3. The Ruler of God's Creation

Colossians 1:15-17  
John 1:3  
Hebrews 1:2

Christ the Creator, \_\_\_\_\_ before creation and is sovereign and \_\_\_\_\_ over it

C. The Rebuke (vss. 15-18)

1. I know your works that they are neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. This church was lukewarm: lethargic, stationary, stagnant, dull, inactive
  - b. They would have understood this analogy
    - Their drinking water coming from different directions arrived \_\_\_\_\_, disgusting and vomit-worthy
    - Their aqueducts were so concentrated with minerals and deposits; the water came to the city "tepid and nauseous"
    - This was a city and church full of compromise, making it \_\_\_\_\_
2. I know of your prosperity (17-18)
  - a. They took \_\_\_\_\_ in their financial wealth
    - "I have need of nothing"
    - Christ** \_\_\_\_\_; "buy from Me, gold refined by fire, to become rich"

**What Christ brings is always better and everlasting!**

- b. They took \_\_\_\_\_ in their clothing, textiles (18)

Christ \_\_\_\_\_; “white garments, so you would be clothed and cover your nakedness”

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c. They took \_\_\_\_\_ in their medicinal powders and remedies (18)

Christ \_\_\_\_\_; “anoint your eyes with (My) salve” so you may see

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**To be in touch with God’s truth, is to be in touch with reality and to live in accord with that reality makes for a better life. (Psalm 119:2 45) Townsend/Cloud**

D. This is Grace! (vs. 19)

1. His provision, His offer, His supply and His \_\_\_\_\_, all this, is His Grace

2. His rebuke and His discipline, that is His \_\_\_\_\_ and Grace!

- He gives to those who think they have everything but really have nothing to find that He is \_\_\_\_\_!

Psalm 16:5-11  
Philippians 4:19

- He reproves those He \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 3:11-12

E. The promise for the believers (vss. 20, 21)

Think about this:

-He is standing at the door means He is not \_\_\_\_\_

-These indifferent believers had shut Him out

-He urges these compromising believers to open their hearts so He can enjoy again, intimate \_\_\_\_\_ with them. REPENT!

-Those who hear His voice know Him, be listening

1. This dining with Him, was the idea of a full course meal, with much fellowship and lingering, much communication, not a small snack or hurried meal!
2. Those who respond will sit with Him on His throne and \_\_\_\_\_ His victory (21)

I John 5:4,5

F. So, listen and \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 22)

“He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”

Do not _____ your first love	2:4
Do not be _____ of suffering	2:10
Do not compromise	2:14
Do not be corrupted	2:20
Do not be _____	3:1
Keep on _____	3:8
Do not be _____	3:16

**Application:**

Who do <b>U</b> love?	2:4
<b>R U</b> Persevering?	2:10
Do <b>U</b> need to repent?	2:16
<b>R U</b> tolerating sin?	2:20
Do <b>U</b> need to wake up?	3:2
<b>R U</b> sharing the gospel?	3:8
<b>R U</b> on fire for God?	3:15, 16

People in church today, **R U** listening?

**R U** prepared for the coming of Christ?

I Corinthians 15:58