

**Christ's Messages To The Seven Churches Of Asia;
Part 7—Message To The Church In Laodicea**

Revelation 3:14-22

Intro: Christ's seventh and final letter from the postman at Patmos is addressed to the church at Laodicea. The believers in Laodicea had become wealthy and increased with material goods. Luxury, self-sufficiency, pride, and plenty had led to the spiritual ruin of this Christian church. This is a church that had become spiritually complacent and apathetic toward God. Christ advises these lukewarm believers to repent, and return to Him.

G. The Church at Laodicea is described as *The Lukewarm Church*

1. Destination of the letter (v. 14a)

2. Description of Christ (v. 14b)

First, *The Amen*

Second, *The faithful and true Witness*

Third, *The beginning of the creation of God*

3. Condemnation (vv. 15-17)

First, these believers were neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm (v. 15)

Second, these church members boasted of their material riches, but failed to realize they were spiritually bankrupt (v. 17)

Third, Christ threatened to vomit these lukewarm believers out of His mouth (v. 16)

4. Counsel (vv. 18-19)

First, trust in Christ for refined gold = *salvation and true spiritual riches*

Second, clothe yourself in the white robe of *Christ's righteousness*

Third, apply the Holy Spirit's ointment, *the only cure for Spiritual blindness*

5. Promises (vv. 20-22)

First, Christ will come into any heart that grants Him access (v. 20)

Second, Believers will share in Christ's Millennial rule (v. 21)

Third, Christ's final appeal to hear, repent and respond to the Holy Spirit (v. 22)