SERMON SERIES: THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA MINOR "THE CHURCH OF THE LAODICEANS"

Revelation 3:14-22

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we will study the Seventh and Final Letter written to the Seven Churches in Asia Minor. It is written to "The Church of the Laodiceans," The Lukewarm Church.

• "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev 3:16).

I. THE COMMISSION OF THE LAODICEAN CHURCH (v. 14a)

- A. Christ sent this letter to the Pastor, for he is responsible for the state of the Church.
- B. Christ expects the Pastor to be the first to heed the warning against Lukewarmness, and half-hearted commitment.
- C. Christ expects the Pastor to discuss His message to the Church and declare His warnings against Lukewarmness.

II. THE SPEAKER TO THE LAODICEAN CHURCH (v. 14b-d)

- A. Christ is the "AMEN" (v. 14b)
- **B.** Christ is the "Faithful and True Witness (v. 14c; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:22)
- C. Christ is "The Beginning of the Creation of God" (v. 14d; John 1:3)

III. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE LAODICEAN CHURCH (vv. 15-17)

- A. Christ told this Church, that He was watching them: "I Know Thy Works" (Deeds) (v. 15a; Matt 7:16).
- **B.** The Lukewarm Christian is unconcerned (1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:23-24)
- C. The Condition of this Church "Poor ... Blind and Naked" (v. 17; Mark 8:36-37)

IV. THE COMMAND TO THE LAODICEAN CHURCH (vv. 18-20)

- A. Christ commanded the Church to buy <u>Spiritual Gold</u>, <u>Spiritual Clothing</u>, and <u>Spiritual Eye Salve</u> (v. 18; John 1:4, 8:12)
- **B.** Christ commanded the Church to be Zealous and Repent (v. 19, 20; Matt 11:28; 2 Cor 5:17)

V. THE PROMISE TO THE LAODICEAN CHURCH (v. 21; 1 John 5:5)

- A. The wonderful Promise to the Overcomer (All Believers)
- **B.** The Overcomer will enjoy sweet fellowship with Christ in the Kingdom of God throughout eternity

CONCLUSION:

- A. Christ closed this Letter with the same Exhortation as He did with the other Six Letters (Rev 3:22).
- B. Lukewarmness is a Terrible Sin
- C. Jesus Christ is the True Savior
- D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8)