

**“The Danger of a Lukewarm Heart”**  
Revelation 3:14-22 – The Church at Laodicea  
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**Description of the Savior – the Head of the Church – 3:14**

- >The Amen = C \_\_\_\_\_
- >The faithful and true witness = C \_\_\_\_\_
- >The beginning/ruler of all creation = C \_\_\_\_\_

**Laodicea was famous for 4 things...(directly related to Jesus’ words to them)**

- >Wealth & Banking – financial well-being
- >Clothing manufacturing – soft, black, glossy wool
- >Medical facilities – specifically eye salve
- >Aqueducts – running into city from Colossae and Hierapolis – lukewarm water

**Jesus takes the Laodiceans’ spiritual pulse – 3:15-17**

“You are neither HOT nor COLD!! I wish you were either one or the other...”

\*The worst place to be spiritually is Lukewarm/Tepid = I \_\_\_\_\_

Cf. Joshua 24:14-15

1 Kings 18:20-21

“I am about to spit you out of My mouth” = better, vomit – it is a picture of Christ’s

D \_\_\_\_\_ for the lukewarm heart

**Jesus gives us a picture of the lukewarm heart – 3:17**

“I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing” = S \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ -S \_\_\_\_\_

\*The delusion of self-righteousness – a life lived independently of God

Little or no sacrifice – Christianity that costs me nothing

Wretched...pitiful...poor...blind...naked

**Jesus’ prescription to cure the lukewarm heart – 3:18**

Wretched and pitiful – our plight without Christ

Poor > Spiritual W \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 8:9)

Blind > Spiritual S \_\_\_\_\_ (John 9:25)

Naked > Spiritual G \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 5:21; Isaiah 61:10)