

Seven Churches Of Asia Series:

Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church

Rev. 3:14-22

Introduction:

- A. Laodicea:
 - 1. SE of Philadelphia, near of Colossae
 - 2. Banking center, proud of its wealth
- B. Let us notice the various parts of this letter:

Discussion:

I. The Description of Christ In This Letter (v. 14)

- A. "The Amen" - The one whose word is final.
- B. "Faithful and true witness."
 - 1. Would never misrepresent them.
 - 2. His testimony would not be biased.
- C. "The beginning and end of creation." (John 1:1-3).

II. The Condition Of The Church At Laodicea.

- A. Her good points - none.
- B. Her bad points. (vv. 15-17)
 - 1. Neither hot nor cold.
 - a. Lukewarm - self satisfied.
 - b. A little for the Lord , a little for Satan.
 - c. No presecution, no spiritual warfare, no contending for faith.
 - 2. "You say...."
 - a. Their self-estimate, but Jesus said, "You are..."
 - b. How we feels not as important as what Lord feels.
 - 3. Blind.
 - a. Blind of duty to Christ and to others.
 - b. Without Christian graces. (2 Pet. 1:5-9).
 - 4. Naked.
 - a. Public naked shameful, but spiritual nakedness even worse.
 - b. Had not clothed themselves. (Col. 3:12-14)

III. The Advice To The Church At Laodicea.

- A. Buy spiritual wealth. (v. 18)
- B. Be zealous.
- C. Know that chastening is an act of love. (Heb. 12:6)
- D. Repent
- E. Open the door. (v.20)
- F. Overcome. (v. 21)

Conclusion:

- A. Lukewarm person in worse possible position.
- B. Avoid allowing prosperity to blind us to real needs.