

## Today's Laodicean Church



If we believe that the letters to the 7 church assemblies in Revelation 1-3 was a prophetic picture of the church over the ages, then we've probably rightly understood that we are part of the Laodicean church era.

**Revelation 3:14-17** (AMP) – *And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the trusty and faithful and true Witness, the Origin and Beginning and Author of God's creation: I know your [record of] works and what you are doing; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth! For you say, I am rich; I have prospered and grown wealthy, and I am in need of nothing; and you do not realize and understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*

This church is known as the 'lukewarm church' and the description of it's fleshy attributes in Revelation 3:14-22 are quite obvious to us these days. However, if we concentrate on the problems with the church and tut-tut about its failures, we'll miss what the blessings and cures are that the A&Ω had to say about it.

**Revelation 3:18-22** (AMP) – *Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see. Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me. He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne. He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).*

So, we are not defeated as a church because of the widespread problems outlined in v:1-17. The Lord gives us solutions to get out of the mess:

1. Purchase gold from him refined and tested by fire – so that we may be really wealthy.
2. Purchase white clothes from him – to clothe us so the shame of our nudity isn't seen.
3. Purchase salve from him for our eyes – so that we can see.
4. Allow ourselves to be told our faults – so we are convicted, convinced, reprov'd and chastened.
5. Be enthusiastic, earnest and burning with zeal
6. Repent of our unrighteous ways – so we change our mind and attitude

Not only are their these solutions, the Lord speaking to the Apostle John gives the members of the Laodicean church age 2 fringe benefits:

1. He invites us to dine with him – speaking of receiving high grade spiritual food. This alludes to the release of the prophetic in this age in a great way.

2. He invites us to sit with him on his throne – speaking of unprecedented authority. This alludes to the release of the apostolic in this age as well as the rise of the warrior Bride.

But, this all depends on who has ears to hear – who is listening to the Spirit of the Living God and moving with him.

Church, let's not continue living in depression at the state of the church and the world. Instead, let's rise up and access what's ours in these Last Days.

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