

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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**“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”**



## **“JESUS SPEAKS TO CHURCHES”**

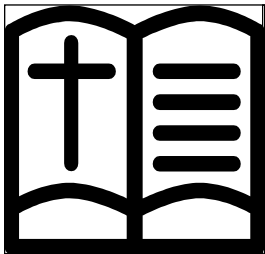
### **REVELATION 3:14-22 Part 8**

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- B. *For the judgment of this church Jesus reveals Himself as the Amen (the confirmation of truth), the One faithfully speaking the truth of what is happening and the One to whom all of creation owes its existence because they are its opposite.*
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#### **II. THE PEOPLE HAVE MISJUDGED THEMSELVES**

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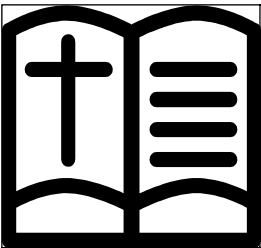
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### III. JESUS’ COUNSEL TO THE LAODICEAN CHURCH

*Open the door and let Him in! Get zealous and repent!*

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Humility and commitment.*
- 3. Get your hope back - the blessed hope!  
Start seeing this world and the “reward” that is in it for the illusion it is! Open your eyes with the salve of prophetic truth!*
- 4. Get personal with Jesus - dine with Him!*
- 5. Get hot, get cold or you’re out!*

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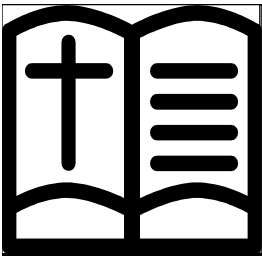
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