

Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Revelation
Letter to the Church at Laodicea
Rev. 3:14-22

- I. Address and Christ's Self-Identification (14)
 - A. Laodicea

The Church is mentioned in Col. 2:1; 4:12-13, 16

- B. Christ's Self-Identification (triad)
 - 1. The Amen – 2 Cor. 1:20, Christ is the affirmation of God's truth
 - 2. The faith and true witness (cf. 1:5; Isa. 43:10-12; 65:16)
 - 3. The Ruler/Beginning of God's Creation
Rev. 1:5; cf. Col. 1:15
 - II. Christ's Assessments, Threats, and Counsels (16-19)
 - A. Assessment one: Lukewarm (16)
 - 1. I know your works ~ No works to commend
 - 2. You are neither cold nor hot
 - B. Threat one: I am about to vomit you out of my mouth (16)
 - 1. Because you are lukewarm
 - 2. I am on the verge of vomiting you out of my mouth
 - C. Assessment two: Self-sufficient and self-deceived (17)
 - 1. Because you say that....
 - 2. I am rich/I have become wealthy/I need nothing
 - 3. Jesus' assessment is
You don't know that you are (5 descriptive phrases)



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- D. Counsels (18)
 - 1. I advise you – His counsel is infallible and authoritative
 - 2. To buy from Me –Isa. 55:1-2
 - 3. Gold refined in the fire in order that you may be rich
 - 4. White garments in order that you may be clothed
And in order that the shame of your nakedness might not be revealed
 - 5. And eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see
- E. Threat and exhortation to be zealous and repent (19)
 - 1. As many as I love I reprove and discipline (Heb. 12:6; Prov. 3:12)
 - 2. Be zealous therefore, and repent
- III. Christ's Gracious Invitation (20)
 - A. Behold I stand at the door and knock
 - B. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door
 - C. I shall enter to Him and I shall dine with him and he with Me
- IV. Christ's Promise to the Overcomers and Command to Hear (21-22)
 - A. Sits with Christ on His throne
 - B. Just as I overcame and sat with my Father on His throne
 - C. The one having ears...

Conclusion

