

"LAODICEA: THE LUKEWARM CHURCH"

(A Church in Need of "Fire")

Revelation 3:14-22

INTRODUCTION: Verse 14-16

***We need to examine the spiritual temperature of our hearts!**

What are the causes of a decrease in temperature?

What cools off a believer (church)?

I. The CAUSE of Lukewarmness

- A. Christians cool off when they become:
No longer dependent upon Christ (v. 17a)
(Deceived by self-sufficiency)

- B. Christians cool off when they:
No longer see what really matters (v. 17b-18)
(Ignorant of true values)

- C. Christians cool off when they:
No longer have a close fellowship with Christ (v. 20)
(Separated from intimacy with Christ)

II. The CURE for Lukewarmness

Jesus counsels the lukewarm Christian to:

- A. "Buy of Me" (v. 18)

- B. "Be zealous and repent" (v. 19)

- C. "Hear My voice and open the door" (v. 20)