

LAODICEA - THE LUKEWARM CHURCH

Revelation 3:14-22 - Part 2

Introduction: "And when He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned tables." (John 2:15). I think we could safely say that this was a clear demonstration of zeal for the Lord's house (John 2:17). Jesus doesn't play games and He doesn't mince words or actions. Approximately forty years down the road to this historic event God would once and for all drive this corrupt religious system and all its adherents, not only out of the temple, but out of the land, leaving the temple, Jerusalem, and the land of Israel in total devastation. Some 25 years after the destruction of the temple, in very graphic and symbolic language, we see Jesus once again overturning tables and driving the religious charlatans out of His Body, the Church - "...because you are lukewarm...I will vomit you out of My mouth." (Rev. 3:16). Of all seven churches Jesus addresses in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 Laodicea has the sad distinction of being the only one that He has nothing good to say - only condemnation and rebuke. I ask myself, "What tables are there in my life, in this temple of God, that need to be turned over? What tables are there in your life that need to be turned over? Are there any tables here at IBC that need to be turned over?"

A. THE DESTINATION OF THE LETTER - Revelation 3:14a

B. THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER - Revelation 3:14b

1. THE AMEN - Revelation 3:14b, Isaiah 65:16

2. THE WITNESS - Revelation 3:14b

3. THE CREATOR - Revelation 3:14b - Isaiah 65:17-18

C. THE _____ OF THE LETTER - Revelation 3:15-22

1. JESUS DIAGNOSES THEIR _____ - *LUKEWARMNESS*

▶ AS SEEN IN THEIR _____ - Revelation 3:17a

▶ AS SEEN IN THEIR _____ - Revelation 3:17b

2. JESUS DESCRIBES HIS _____ - *COME TO HIS MARKETPLACE*

▶ TO BUY _____ - Revelation 3:18a

▶ TO BUY _____ - Revelation 3:18b

▶ TO BUY _____ - Revelation 3:18c

3. JESUS DECREES HIS _____ - *OBEY HIS COMMANDS* - - 3:19

4. JESUS DECLARES HIS _____ - *ENJOY HIS FELLOWSHIP*

▶ BY ACCEPTING HIS _____ - Revelation 3:20

▶ BY APPREHENDING HIS _____ - Revelation 3:21

CONCLUSION