

“The Danger of Being Lukewarm”

Discipleship For Today, Part 8

Revelation 3:14-22

February 28, 2010

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The church in Laodicea ...

... **believed it was** *spiritually healthy*

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... **was really** *wretchedly self-sufficient*

But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. (vs. 17)

... **is rebuked as** *nauseatingly lukewarm*

... because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. (vs. 16)

Jesus' warning should be heeded because ...

... **He is** *the incarnation of God's assurance*

These are the words of the Amen ... (vs. 14)

... **He is** *completely trustworthy*

"... the faithful and true witness ..." (vs. 14)

... **He is** *the source of life*

... the ruler [arche] of God's creation." (vs. 14)

Jesus' grace is seen in His...

... **counsel to** *"buy from me"*

I counsel you to buy from me gold ... white clothes to wear ... and salve to put on your eyes (vs. 18)

... **assurance of His** *"love"*

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. (vs. 19)

... **command to** *"be earnest, and repent"*

So be earnest and repent. (vs. 19)

... **exhortation to** *"Behold"*

"Here I am!" (vs. 20)

... **invitation to** *"open the door"*

I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in ... (vs. 19)

... **promise to** *"sit with me on my throne"*

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne (vs. 21)

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