

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

“Laodicea: The Church of Self-Sufficiency – Part B”

Revelation 3:14-22

I. Review.

A. Background.

1. Map.
2. City identified with four things.

B. The Christ title.

1. He is the “Amen”.
2. He is the “Faithful Witness”.
3. He is the first born of the dead.

C. Initial warning to the Laodicean church.

1. He speaks the truth.
2. He is faithful in contrast to their unfaithfulness.
3. He has the power to carry out words of judgment.

II. Exposition.

A. The Commendation.

1. There is none!
 - a. Same as Sardis.
 - b. Yet, this is a contrast with Sardis.
 1. Sardis still had some with unsoiled clothes.

B. The Complaint.

1. Revelation 3:15-16
 - a. What does it mean to be lukewarm?
 1. Incorrect view – Gerhard Kodel.
 2. Correct view.
 - a. The geography and geology provide the meaning.
2. Geography.

a. Laodicea is part of a tri-city area, and each city was known for its water.

1. Hierapolis – known for its hot water.
2. Colossae – known for its cold water.
3. Laodicea – known for its poor water that was not good for bathing or drinking.
 - a. Xenophon, 430-354 B.C.
 - b. Grant Osborn

b. To spit or vomit?

1. The Greek is specific -- _____
2. Water that is lukewarm and laced with calcium carbonate has no value.
 - a. Cold water has use as does hot water.
 - b. Kistemacher.

3. Description of Complaint (Revelation 3:17).

a. Their wealth led them to the conclusion that they had no _____.

1. The Hebrew text of Hosea 12:8.

b. The five adjectives of doom.

1. W _____
 2. P _____
 3. P _____
 4. B _____
 5. N _____
- Descriptive words of the church??
- Historical situation at Laodicea.

c. How did this happen?

III. Point for Reflection.

A. We must redouble our efforts to teach, but also to pray for our children’s desire for God.

1. Judges 2:6-11
2. Psalm 106:34-40