

Guide & Record of your thoughts

1/24/20 10Week 9 - Revelation 3:14-22

Following the Message:

1. The church at Laodicea represents apostate churches/existed throughout history.
2. (3:14) The emphasis of “Amen” in this verse is as a final word of God to man.
3. (3:14) The description of Jesus as, “the faithful and true witness” emphasizes that He does not hide anything and reveals the whole truth.
4. (3:14) The description of Jesus as the “beginning” means that Jesus is the source - origin of God’s creation.
5. (3:15,16) The denial of Jesus authority/position as God takes away all passion and power of a church.
6. (3:15,16) Spiritually hot churches are those who are fully alive.
7. (3:15,16) Spiritually cold churches are those who have rejected Jesus
8. (3:15, 16) Compromise- is what creates the condition of being lukewarm.
9. (3:17) The difference between “you say” and “you are” is the measuring standard used. “You say” uses the standards of the world. “You are” uses the standard of what Jesus says He intends His church to be.
10. (3:18) Jesus says to the apostate church that they should buy from Him gold, refined by fire, free of impurities, representing the priceless riches of true salvation; white garments, representing righteousness through Christ; and eye salve, because they needed desperately to open their eyes and turn from darkness to light.
11. (3:19) Reprove means to expose - a general term for God’s dealings with sinners.
12. (3:19) Discipline refers to punish and is used of God’s convicting of unbelievers.
13. (3:20) The door on which Christ is knocking is not just the door to a single human heart, but the door to His church.

14. (3:21) Christ offers us a seat on His throne thus reminding us that we will reign with Him.

15. Judgment is coming to this world, but it first begins at God’s house.

Greek words used today:

kurios, koo’-ree-os; (supremacy); supreme in authority: - God, master
arche, ar-khay’; a commencement, or (concrete) chief (in order, time, place or rank): - beginning (at the), first, power, principality, rule.

Reflecting on the Text:

Compare our church to the seven churches studied in Revelation. Are there any parallels?

Church	Description	Praised for:	Warned about:
Ephesus (2:1-7)	The Loveless church	Labor, patience, not bearing those who are evil, testing false apostles, perseverance, hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans	Leaving their first love
Smyrna (2:8-11)	The Persecuted church	Tribulation, poverty	Faithfulness under persecution
Pergamum (2:12-17)	The Com-promising church	Holding fast to Christ’s name, not denying the faith even faced with martyrdom	Allowing false teaching having to do with immorality and idolatry. Holding to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans
Thyatira (2:18-29)	The Corrupt church	Love, service, faith, patience	Allowing Jezebel to teach and seduce to immorality and idolatry. Holding fast and overcoming
Sardis (3:1-6)	The Dead church	A few faithful people	Dead, even though they had a reputation for being alive
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	The Faithful Church	A little strength, keeping Christ’s word, not denying Christ’s name, perseverance	Holding fast what they had and overcoming during coming tribulations
Laodicea (3:14-22)	The Lukewarm Church		Being lukewarm, pretending to be well off spiritually when they were impoverished, need for repentance and overcoming