LAODICEA

“The Lukewarm Church”

(Part 1)

Revelation 3:14-22
The Seven Churches in Asia

- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Ephesus
- Laodicea
- Patmos
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. About 45 miles SE of Philadelphia & 90 miles E of Ephesus
2. It received wealth from glossy black wool and was an important center for trade and communications.
3. It had large banking assets and was a very wealthy city. When it was destroyed by an earthquake in A.D. 60, it refused imperial assistance and rebuilt the city with its own resources.
4. Had a school of medicine. A special medicinal eye ointment was made there.
5. Water was piped to the city from hot springs several miles away.
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   a. The Amen
   b. Faithful and True Witness
   c. Ruler (Beginning) of God’s Creation

2. COMMENDATIONS — None Given
3. CRITICISMS (15-17)
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      1) Their **Condition** ➔ Lukewarm
      2) Christ’s **Preference** ➔ Be Hot or Cold
      3) Christ’s **Warning**
3. CRITICISMS (15-17)

a. Laodicea was spiritually indifferent (15-16)
   1) Their **Condition** → Lukewarm
   2) Christ’s **Preference** → Be Hot or Cold
   3) Christ’s **Warning** → I’ll spit you out of My mouth
3. CRITICISMS (15-17)

a. Laodicea was spiritually indifferent (15-16)

b. Laodicea was spiritually independent (17a)
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b. Laodicea was spiritually independent (17a)

c. Laodicea was spiritually ignorant (17b)
MAIN LESSON FROM LAODICEA
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A lucrative lifestyle should never lull us into lukewarm Christian living.
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MESSAGES FROM THE

REVELATION 1-3