

# Revelation 3:14-22 : THE LUKEWARM CHURCH

Titus 2:11–14 (ESV): 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

WAIT EXPECTANTLY, the APPEARING OF OUR LORD JESUS.

READ THE TEXT. PRAY

n **Jeremiah 51:56 (ESV): for a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon; her warriors are taken; their bows are broken in pieces, for the Lord is a God of recompense; he will surely repay.**

REVELATION IS ONE OF IF NOT THE MOST HOPE-EXPANDING BOOK IN SCRIPTURE.

*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of this world will go strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."*

**Revelation 3:14 (ESV): 14 "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.**

THE AMEN:

THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE WITNESS:

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S CREATION:

**Colossians 1:15–16 (ESV): He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and the Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.

**Revelation 3:15–17 (ESV): 15 'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.**

BUT THEY HAD A COMPLETE DISREGARD OF HIS AUTHORITY IN THEIR LIFE.

*John Walvoord: "There is something about the intermediate state of lukewarmness that is utterly obnoxious to God." Even to the point that it makes Him sick.*

V.17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

What they have done is replaced Christ with the idol of their own significance. And they are completely unaware that they have done it.

WILL NOT FAIL YOU.

LOST CAUSE, BUT JESUS LOVES TO SAVE LOST CAUSES.

Revelation 3:18–19 (ESV): 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Your white garments are paid for by the blood of Christ.

Isaiah 55:1 (ESV): Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

He is the PAYMENT AND THE PRIZE.

Greg Nelson: "Christ has done everything to save us. That in order for you to get to hell, you have to step over the tortured body of Jesus to get there."

V.19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline,

Revelation 3:20 (ESV): Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:21–22 (ESV): The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.