

Laodicea: Neither Hot nor Cold Revelation 3:14-22

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Big Idea: God will not "stomach" lukewarm Christians or churches. He refuses to bless those who live like he is no big deal.

Revelation 3:14-16 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. 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.

Diagnosis: You are lukewarm if...

You treat God like you can take him or leave him. (15-16) You believe that you are self-made and self-sufficient. (17) You can't see your poor spiritual condition. (17)

Remedy: You can be on fire for God if you... (18)

Seek to be rich in wealth that will last. Seek holiness so that one day you will not be exposed. Seek to see clearly what God wants and what's at stake.

Jesus' Challenge: (19) Be zealous and repent!

Jesus' Invitation: (20) He desires to fellowship with you!

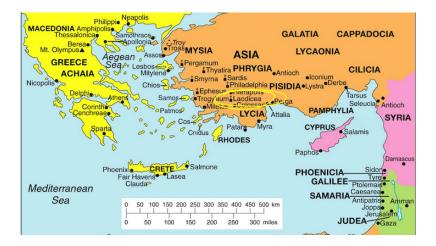
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THE SEVEN CHURCHES







By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

MATTHEW 7:16-17

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

MATTHEW 7:18-20

You believe that you are self-made and self-sufficient. (17)

You can't see your poor spiritual condition. (17)

REMEDY: You can be on fire for God if you... (18) Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

REVELATION 3:19

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 3:20

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS