

Message Notes & Thoughts

Passage: Revelation 3:14 - 22

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Letters – Final Letter – The Church at Laodicea

Message Outline ...

Introduction:

In our passage today, we're going to see the lukewarm church of Laodicea. They believe they are rich. They think that they are in good shape. They think that they are completely healthy. But Jesus tells this church that actually, they are a mess. They've got nothing. There is a disease present in Laodicea. There is a disease present in many American churches today.

As in all of the other letters, Jesus does not leave the Laodicean church or the American church without hope. Let's see what Jesus has to say to the church today.

The problem: "You say you are ..."

1. Rich
2. "...Have prospered"
3. Need Nothing

Jesus diagnosis their problem. They are actually:

1. Wretched, Pitiably, Poor
2. Blind
3. Naked

The solution given by Jesus:

1. Receive discipline.
2. The discipline He gives leads to repentance and new zealous attitude/actions as followers.
3. Open up your heart's door for fellowship with Him.

Isaiah 55:1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost."

Questions for Growth ...

* This is probably the harshest and hardest passage written directly to Christ followers we have in the New Testament. Read it again and then write down your thoughts as the words strike your mind and heart. How can any Christ follower be like these people in Laodicea?

* Has your spiritual life ever gotten to the point where you said about your faith, "I just don't care anymore" about being in love with Jesus? What led you to that point? Have you recovered from that point in your life and if so, how did that occur?

* Describe what a 'passionate' Christian life should look like? How would that passion for Jesus affect the local church? In what area of your Christian walk would you like to become more passionate?

* What has the study of the seven churches taught you? Which church seems like the one that you would like to be a part of and why?

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