

**Revelation 3:14-22 – “The ‘Spit You Out Of My Mouth’ Church”**

- I. **7 letters – 6 down, 1 to go...Laodicea**
- Last church in the typical messenger route - ~\_\_ miles southeast of Philadelphia.
  - Two important cities near it – \_\_\_\_\_ (~10 miles east) & Hierapolis (~6 miles north).
  - Blessed by major roads running east to west and north to south & surrounded by mountains...
  - Incredibly wealthy city – financial center, manufacturing & commerce center, medical center...
  - One thing it lacked – natural \_\_\_\_\_ supply: had to use an extensive system of aqueducts...
  - Mentioned 4 times in Colossians (2:1 & 4:12-16) – Paul also wrote them a letter to share...
- II. **Revelation 3:14 – Description of the Speaker**
- “The Amen” – Jesus is truth personified; the authentication of all that God has said & promised
  - “The faithful & true Witness” – He can be trusted, epitome of truth; His witness is genuine...
  - “Beginning of the creation of God” – He is the source or \_\_\_\_\_ of all creation; eternal Son of God.
- III. **Revelation 3:15-16 – What Jesus Knows About Them...**
- Neither cold nor hot; Jesus wishes they were cold or hot...(Let the disagreements begin!)
  - Since they are neither hot nor cold, Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ them out...
  - Jesus has absolute displeasure with this group – whether saved or unsaved...
  - There were \_\_\_\_\_ positive deeds
  - Remember water – Colossae: refreshing cold water; Hierapolis: medicinal hot water
  - Lukewarm – unpleasant, nasty...
  - Which view on this verse do you think is correct? \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. **Revelation 3:17-18: What Jesus Advises...**
- Problem – Church is full of itself; claims to be self-\_\_\_\_\_; self-satisfied.
  - Problem – They say they are rich & they need nothing...
  - Reality Check – Jesus says, “Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Advice – Buy from Jesus gold refined by fire so that you may become rich: Gold = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Advice – Buy from Jesus white garments so they can be clothed: White clothes = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Advice – Buy from Jesus eye salve to anoint your eyes to see...
  - Each item available in Laodicea but useless; each item deals with their problems...
  - How can poor people buy anything? \_\_\_\_\_
- V. **Revelation 3:19-20: Jesus Explains...**
- Those whom I love, I reprove & \_\_\_\_\_...
  - Proper Response: Be zealous & repent. Earnestly pursue Jesus; turn from \_\_\_\_\_ ways to God...
  - Jesus stands at the door & knocks – what is this door? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus’ sheep hear His voice – He knows them & they follow Him...
  - Proper Response & Jesus will share a meal with them...
- VI. **Revelation 3:20-21: To the Overcomers...**
- Sit down with Jesus on His throne!
  - Hear what the Spirit says...
- VII. **Heed These Things: Lessons from the Church in Philadelphia (Open Door)...**
- Saved or Unsaved? \_\_\_\_\_ Both occur same way – ignore the \_\_\_\_\_ (No power)
  - Understand who we are apart from Jesus Christ – wretched, miserable, poor, blind & naked...
  - Solution to problem – Utter \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus Christ; only through Jesus...
  - Method – Pursue Jesus passionately (be zealous) & repent (turn from sinful ways).
  - Church is only as vibrant as its members.
  - We exist to \_\_\_\_\_ God, to make \_\_\_\_\_ known, & to love with Christ’s love...
  - We need to passionately pursue knowing Jesus better...
  - We need to zealously press on toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus...
  - We need to \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus...