

Solomon and the lukewarm church;

How did Solomon go from tremendous humility , and service to God as the number one spiritual leader, too spiritual obscurity? In all his wealth, with all his **riches and peace** , he became comfortable, he became lukewarm through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life he, Solomon in all his glory descended into spiritual obscurity.

Hebrews 3:13 (NASB95)

13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

God's intent is that through the Revolution of his word we should arrive to a profound understanding of the depth and scope of the fall of man.

And of the height and scope of God's astounding grace provision

Learn to be strong and courageous and bold, in the position God has called you too!

They have a form of godliness but denying its power; its truth

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To The Seven Churches

Laodicea The Lukewarm Church

▼ A The Lukewarm Church:

▼ 1. Overview reading:

Revelation 3:14-22 (NASB95)

14 **To the angel** of the church in **Laodicea** write: **The Amen**

The Hebrew word a relates to **deity**, that witches stable, to the unshakable truth

Remember, this is addressed **to the angel of the churches** because the angel is responsible for keeping an account of every member of the churches obedience to the commands of God.

289 ἀμήν **amen** : Semitic; in DOUHebr 589; Str 281; TDNT 1:335-LN 72:6 wky, indeed, in formulas of certainty and solemnness **it is the truth** , formally transliterated, www usually in the beginning of a statement of truth (Mt 5:18), sometimes doubled for emphasis or style (Lk 1:51), used as the ending of a section of sentence of an epistle (Ro 1:25, 9:5, 11:36, 15:33, 16:27); a title of Christ (Rev 3:14)

In contrast to the Laodicean believers who have departed from their dependence on God

Redundance for emphasis
the **faithful** and **true** Witness

Faithfulness always acts as it always has acted

Adjective

Noun

3489 μάρτυς (**martyr**), μάρτυρος (martyros), ὁ (he): n.masc.; in DOUHebr 6332; Str 3144; TDNT 4:474 --L.N 33:270 witness (Mt 18:16); L.N 20:67 martyr, a witness for Jesus who dies because of that witness (Ac 22:26; Heb 12:1; Rev 2:13; 17:6)

In the **titles of Christ** we see the foundation for where these Laodicean believers should be, **but are not**

They are not **dependant** on that which is always **dependable**
And they are not **reliant** on that which is always **reliable**

They are **depending** on their own reasoning
And they are **relying** on their own good works

14the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

Colossians 1:13-18 (NASB95)

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins,

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Paul was addressing an issue in the Colossian church, **that Jesus was in some respects inferior to God**.

And Colosse which is only 4 to 6 miles to the south east of laodicea, they were seemingly being infected with the same faults doctrine

Jesus knows what would happen if something different had taken place

Matthew 11:23-24 (NASB95)

23 Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyne and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.
24 "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you?" You will descend to Hades, for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.
24 Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you."

Jesus Christ is Omniscient
Only someone who knows all the facts can properly evaluate everyone

387 οἶδα (**ODA**) : vb.; in DOUHebr 3322; Str 1492; TDNT 5:116--J. LN 28.1 **know, possess information about** (Mt 6:8, 32; 25:12; Mk 9:4 v2; Lk 22:34 v2; 1Pe 1:8 v13; L.N 28:7

15 I **know your deeds** that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will **spit** you out of My mouth.

Due to the fact that laodicea did not have adequate water supply, they shipped their water in from Colosse, so by the time it arrived it was warm and not very good tasting.

The Philadelphia Church would therefore have a clear understanding of his metaphorical language in these two verses

844 ἔβωλον **evome** : vb.; in Str 1092--LN 23:44 **spit out** (Rev 3:16v)

Jesus Christ is not a weak Love everybody type of person that many people make him out to be

John 5:22 (NASB95)

22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son.

He judges with authority power and strength

Jesus Christ will judge as a pure man; he was fully man when you went through all of life's difficulties just like you and I do; yet without sin.

He did not handle life's difficulties in his deity, but on the same bases that we do, Jesus did, in his humanity/ being fully human he put his trust in the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:15 (NASB95)

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

John 8:29 (NASB95)

29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

17 Because you say, "I **am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing**," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame 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." "

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