

# “Jesus’ Assessment of the Church at Laodicea” 09/09/18

## Revelation 3:14-22

### Sermon Series- “Jesus’ Message to the Seven Churches of Revelation”

**Name-** “Rule of the people” (people determined right or wrong); Col 4:16

**Economic** – City of great wealth, famous for clothing, medicine, banking

**Political** – Political center for Rome. Assize town for dispensing of justice

**Religious** – Emperor worship, other false gods

- A. The letter to the church contains the **CORRESPONDENT’S TITLE**  
(Rev 1:5; Acts 18:24; John 1:3, Col 1:16-17; *Arche* means Source)

*“All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”* John 1:3

- B. The letter to the church contains **NO COMMENDATION**  
(*“He who hates correction is stupid.”* Proverbs 12:1)

- C. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CRITICISM**  
He knows their works:
- 1) They are neither cold nor hot, but **LUKEWARM**  
(Romans 12:11; 2 Tim 1:6; They will be vomited out!)
  - 2) Wretched versus truly **HOLY**
  - 3) Miserable versus truly **JOYFUL** (All these denote a
  - 4) Poor versus truly **RICH** superficial faith)
  - 5) Blind versus truly **DISCERNING**
  - 6) Naked versus truly **CLOTHED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- D. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **COUNSEL**
- 1) Our spiritual condition is acquired only through **JESUS**
  - 2) Jesus rebukes and chastens those whom He **LOVES**
  - 3) We need to make a decisive repentance and be **ZEALOUS**
  - 4) Jesus appeals to ANYONE in the church who will hear.

- E. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CONSEQUENCE**  
(3:19, “reproof and chastening”; Hebrews 12:4-11)

- F. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CLOSURE**  
(Rule on His throne; Rev 20:4; 1 Cor 6:2-3; 2 Tim 2:12)

**Going Deeper** *God wants you ask yourself where you are **LUKEWARM** and to repent and become **ZEALOUS** for Him!*

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*