

**The Message to Laodicea:
The Church That Is Affluent,
but Lukewarm and Half-Committed
Revelation 03: 14–22**

1 *The recipients*

- a. The messenger of the church
- b. The Laodicean church

2 *The speaker – Jesus*

3 *The complaint:*

*Are neither cold nor hot,
but lukewarm*

4 *The warning:*

Will be spit out

- a. Because of your false profession:
Saying you are rich
and in need of nothing
- b. Because of your true condition:
You are wretched

5 *The counsel*

- a. Buy spiritual gold, clothing
and eye salve
- b. Be earnest and repent
- c. Hear the Lord...
open you heart...
fellowship with Him

14 “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
These are the words of the Amen,
the faithful and true witness,
the ruler of God’s creation.

15 I know your deeds,
that you are neither cold nor hot.
I wish you were either one or the other!

16 So, because you are lukewarm
— neither hot nor cold —
I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

17 You say, ‘I am rich;
I have acquired wealth
and do not need a thing.’
But you do not realize that you are wretched,
pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

18 I counsel you to buy from me
gold refined in the fire,
so you can become rich;
and white clothes to wear,
so you can cover your shameful nakedness;
and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

19 Those whom I love
I rebuke and discipline.
So be earnest, and repent.

20 Here I am!
I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice
and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

6 *The promise:*
To the one who overcomes
a. Will be enthroned
b. Will be enthroned
even a Christ is enthroned

21 To him who overcomes,
I will give the right to sit with me on my throne,
just as I 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.”