

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Kill Complacency

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 3:14–22**

Series: **Revelation**

OVERVIEW

This is the last of seven letters from Jesus to the church, which is a rebuke to the church of Laodicea, but it does not stop there. Our loving Savior gives direction and hope for believers who have lost their first love. If you have felt lost, or fail to appreciate our Savior, take heed to these warnings. Turn away from sin and look toward the hope, grace, and mercy found in our Lord.

A lukewarm heart is the result of an undervalued gospel—no longer seeing it as good news.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

2 Corinthians 1:20; John 1:1; Colossians 1:15-18; James 2:26; Isaiah 55:1; Proverbs 3:12; Hebrews 12:6-11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do we know about Jesus from our text? Why should we trust Jesus? [*He is true, trustworthy, a true witness, eternal*] The answers can seem obvious. As believers, we can too easily gloss over a passage like this, not applying it because it is familiar. By not pausing to again reflect on the depth and beauty of Christ, we can lose focus and begin the road to complacency.
2. Jesus says He knows our works. Our works offer an indicator of our faith. How would you assess your works & heart condition today? Do you make Jesus sick? (Reference to the foul lukewarm drinking water)
3. If you're in a place of spiritual dryness, or if you have been in the past, can you identify the root reason? Pastor Joe spoke of undervaluing the gospel. Do you find this to be true on a personal level? What would or did help you move past this heart condition?
4. Jesus charged Laodicea with the sin of self-reliance (verse 17)—they had knowledge but no zeal. We see from our text the serious danger this can cause to our spiritual life. Practically, how do we deny self and pursue a life of Godly reliance?
5. Discuss what verses 18–20 mean. To whom is Jesus speaking? Jesus offers counsel and warns of loving discipline. Jesus says, "If anyone hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him". Consider the outcome of complacency in a believer and the victory of zealous repentance.
6. What are the practical steps to avoid an apathetic, bored, un-zealous faith? How can you live a life of zeal for our God and Savior?