**The Book of Revelation 3:14-22**

**Basic Facts**

* Because the church of Laodicea was neither cold nor hot, Jesus scolded them, saying He would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Because the church of Laodicea was rich and felt they had need of nothing, not even God, they were called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jesus counseled the church of Laodicea to buy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Him.
* “As many as I love, I rebuke and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* Jesus stands at the door and knocks. To those who open the door He will come in to them and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Phrases**

* *Laodiceans:* Located in the Lycus River Valley, the southwest area of Phrygia, Laodicea became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, most important commercial center in the region. It was primarily known for the industries: banking, wool, and medicine (notably its eye salve).
* *The Amen:* This is a common biblical expression signifying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and veracity. According to 2 Corinthians 1:20, all the promises of God are fulfilled in Christ; that is, all God’s promises and the unconditional covenants are guaranteed and affirmed by the person and work of Jesus Christ.
* *Faithful and True Witness:* He is a completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and perfectly accurate witness to the truth of God.
* *Beginning of the Creation:* This corrects a heresy, apparently present in Laodicea and in Colosse, that Christ was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Lukewarm:* The church at Laodicea was neither cold, openly rejecting Christ, nor hot, filled with spiritual zeal. Instead its members were lukewarm - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ professing to know Christ but not truly belonging to Him.
* *I will vomit you out of my mouth:* Just like the dirty, tepid water of Laodicea, these self-deceived hypocrites \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
* *Gold…White Garments…Eye Salve:* He was offering them spiritual counterparts to their three major industries. Each item was a way to refer to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *As many as I love…Chasten:* To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* *Sit with Me on My Throne:* A figurative expression meaning that we will share the privilege and authority that Christ enjoys as we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

**Discussion Questions**

1. What is revealed here about the church at Laodicea? What was its heresy?
2. What does it look like for a church to be lukewarm today?
3. How has our culture negatively influenced the church in this regard?
4. How does Jesus describe Himself in these messages? What do these things teach you about Him?
5. Read Colossians 1:15-20. List all the ways this passage affirms that Jesus is more than a created being.
6. Why is Jesus worthy to be the head of the church?
7. What are areas in your life that might be keeping you from getting “on fire” for God?