

SESSION 41

REVELATION

3:14–22

(DOCTRINAL APPLICATION, PART 3)

THE LAST SESSION IN 10 TWEETS

1. In the Pergamos Period we said it was hard to tell if PAGANISM got CHRISTIANIZED or CHRISTIANITY got PAGANIZED. #WordStrong
2. In the Laodicean Period it is hard to tell if HUMANISM got CHRISTIANIZED or CHRISTIANITY got HUMANIZED. #WordStrong
3. Thru Modernism/Higher Criticism/Freudianism & Darwinism in the mid to late 1800s, European Christianity faced a frontal attack. #WordStrong
4. The result of this frontal attack was Humanism...which essentially says, "The end of all being is the happiness of men." #WordStrong
5. Humanism bred existentialism, which says, "Happiness is found in the SENSUAL EXPERIENCE." #WordStrong
6. Humanism also bred liberal theologians. This led to a great divide in Christianity between the LIBERALS and the FUNDAMENTALISTS. #WordStrong
7. Humanism is a very powerful and pervasive disease that permeates everything it gets near... even Christianity! #WordStrong
8. Essentially, the Liberals said, "The end of religion is to make man HAPPY when he's ALIVE." #WordStrong
9. Through the influence of humanism, the Fundamentalists began to say, "The end of religion is to make man HAPPY when he DIES." #WordStrong
10. In the middle of the 20th century, Fundamentalists gave way to neo-evangelicalism, and Christianity became "lukewarm." #WordStrong

1. COMMISSION. (Rev. 3:14a)

“And unto the angel of the church or the Laodiceans write;”

A. The dates: _____ to _____.

B. The name:

1) God’s one-word capsulation of “Laodicea”...

“Laodicea” = “the _____ of the _____” (“_____”)

2) God’s over-arching characterization of Laodicean believers...

a. “Lovers of their _____.” (2 Tim. 3:1–2)

b. “Lovers of _____ more than lovers of _____.” (2 Tim. 3:4; Rev. 4:11)

2. CHARACTER. (Rev. 3:14 b, c, d)

“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.”

Note: The key to understanding the Laodicean Church Period is understanding somethings about the “door” in Revelation 3:20...

- The door is _____!

- The door contrasted with the door in the Philadelphian Church Period (Rev. 3:8)...

A. “The Amen” (Rev. 3:14b)

B. “The Faithful and True Witness” (Rev. 3:14c)

C. “The Beginning of the Creation of God” (Rev. 3:14d)

3. COMMENDATION.

4. CONDEMNATION. (Rev. 3:15–17)

“¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. ¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

A. The Laodiceans' Spiritual Analysis of Himself...

- 1) We are the " _____ " people. (Rev. 3:17a)
"Because thou sayest..."

- 2) We are spiritually _____. (Rev. 3:17b)
"Because thou sayest, I am rich..."

- 3) We are spiritually _____ with _____. (Rev. 3:17c)
"...and increased with goods..."

- 4) We spiritually have _____ of _____. (Rev. 3:17d)
"...and have need of nothing."

EXAMPLES OF OUR LAODICEAN SPIRITUAL PRIDE

- We think we have the ability to love _____ and love _____, too!

- We have the ability to convince ourselves that we are _____ God, while we are in the very process of _____ Him!

- We can know full well the _____, and yet go year after year (even decades!) and never _____ anyone to _____, ,and think we're okay!

- We can convince ourselves that we're living a _____ life, even though we never face any _____!

- We have no need to TRUST GOD because _____!

B. God's Analysis of Laodiceans:

- 1) We are _____. (Rev. 3:15–16a)
"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm..."
 - a. Laodiceans are lukewarm, and rarely ever become anything other than lukewarm— because we think lukewarm is _____! We think lukewarm is _____!

 - b. Laodiceans, however, don't call it "lukewarm"...we call it _____!

 - c. Our so-called "balanced Christian lives" makes God _____! (Rev. 3:16b)
"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my

mouth.”

- 2) We are _____. (Rev. 3:17c)
“And knowest not that thou art wretched.”
- 3) We are _____. (Rev. 3:17d)
“...and miserable,”
- 4) We are _____. (Rev. 3:17e)
“...and poor,”
- 5) We are _____. (Rev. 3:17f)
“...and blind,”
- 6) We are _____. (Rev. 3:17g)
“...and naked.”

4. **COUNSEL (CORRECTION).** (Rev. 3:18a)
“I counsel thee...”

Note: We have listened to Laodicean _____ long enough!
The real “counselors” we need...

“To buy of me...” (Rev. 3:18b)

Note: The “cost” of His counsel...

- It will cost us something we Laodiceans have in abundance..._____!

A. Buy of Me _____. (Rev. 3:18a)

“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich.”

B. Buy of Me _____. (Rev. 3:18b)

“...and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.”

C. Anoint your _____ **with** _____. (Rev. 3:18c)

“And anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”

D. Be _____. (Rev. 3:19a)

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore...”

E. _____! (Rev. 3:19b)
“...and repent!”

5. **CHALLENGE.** (Rev. 3:20–21)

“²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. ²¹ To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

6. **CALL.** (Rev. 3:22)

“²² He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”