

# Sermon: The Church of Laodicea

Text: [Revelation 3:14-22 ESV](#)

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**Introduction:** Laodicea was known for being a banking and financial center (rich), a textile center that was known for very soft, black wool (quite different from the white robes offered by God), and finally Laodicea was an eye center famous for eye and ear-salve, yet spiritual eyes and ears are what is needed.

## I. The Identification of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)

- A. The words of the \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The faithful and true \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's creation

## II. The Church's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15-17)

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15-16)
- B. Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)

## III. \_\_\_\_\_ for the Church (v. 18)

- A. Be rich \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Clothe yourself in \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. See with spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church (v. 19)

- A. Accept \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Be \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_.

## V. Contingencies for Our \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20-21)

- A. Jesus speaks, we must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. If we obey, Jesus will come in and \_\_\_\_\_ with us.
- C. If we conquer Satan, we will \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

**Conclusion:** [Revelation 3:22 ESV](#) 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”” Apathy or indifference to life with Jesus will eventually produce spiritual suicide. This is a self-inflicted death because God is always available if we will only care enough to listen and accept His offer of peace and eternal life.

## **Revelation 3:14-22 ESV**

14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. 15 “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. 21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered 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.””