



Rev. 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 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: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 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. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

To the angel (Messenger or Pastor) of the church of the Laodiceans –

The Lord Jesus describes himself: The Amen, The Faithful and True Witness, The Beginning of the Creation of God.

1. The Amen – the God of Truth (Isa. 65:16).
2. The Faithful and True Witness – Faithful Witness (Rev. 1:5); Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11; 22:6).
3. The Beginning of the Creation of God – Col. 1:15-18; Jesus is the cause.

He knows the pastor and the church better than they know themselves – they were self-deluded. They were lukewarm and sickening to Christ and will be rejected by Him. Laodicea was known for their mineral spring waters. They were indifferent!

True believers are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and false Christians will be spued out!

They mistook their richness and possessions for true riches and God's approval. They were commanded to buy of Christ "gold tried in fire" – true gold (Eph. 3:8). Laodicea was known for producing eye-salves (collyrium) through a great medical school.

Jesus' love is demonstrated by His personal rebuke and chastening. (Deut. 8:5; Pro. 3:12)

Jesus lovingly commands them: to be zealous (hot) and repent.

To the believer (the overcomer): He will sit with Christ in His throne!

As He had done with the previous six pastors and churches, the Lord invites the pastor and church to individually listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying – and the Holy Spirit has indeed spoken to the assemblies by His Words.