

**Palmetto Baptist Church – February 19, 2017**  
**Avoiding Spiritual Bankruptcy – Revelation 3:14-22**

**Inside the Text:**

**I. The background of the city. (14a)**

- A. Laodicia was known for its material possessions.  
-- sold black wool
  
- B. Laodicia was known for its geological attractions.  
-- Cold and Hot springs
  
- C. Laodicia was known for its medical solutions.  
-- Salve for the eyes "Essential oils"

**II. The description of the Savior. (14b)**

- A. He confirms the truth. – the AMEN
  
- B. He defends the truth. – the faithful and true witness
  
- C. He established the truth. – the beginning of God's creation

**III. The condition of the church. (15-17)**

- A. The members were outwardly productive but inwardly stagnant. (15-16)
  
- B. The members were financially stable but spiritually bankrupt. (17)

**IV. The invitation to the church. (18-20)**

- A. Repent and believe the Gospel. (18-19; Isaiah 55)
  
- B. Accept and enjoy the Gospel. (20; Luke 24:29-30; John 14:23)

## **V. The reward of the conqueror. (21-22)**

A. Authority over the nations. (21a; 2:26; 20:4; John 12:26; 2 Tim. 2:12)

B. The Promise of the King. (21b; 5:5; 6:2; 17:14; John 16:33)

-- Put the two concepts together and they mirror the words of Christ in Matthew 28:19-20!

### **Apply the Text:**

- **Admit your spiritual bankruptcy.**
  - Confession and repentance
- **Accept the deposit of Christ's righteousness to your account.**
  - Open the account and thank Christ for His sacrifice
- **Develop a spiritual portfolio**
  - Identify your spiritual gift
  - Establish ministry goals
  - Systematically make investments
  - Seek out an accountability partner