

# Laodicea: The Lukewarm church

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Revelation 3:14-22

# *The Seven Churches of Revelation*





# 1. To : Laodicea (v14)

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- The last church written to... near Colosse and Ephesus.
- *A rich commercial city*, with a famous trade in black wool.
- *A medical school* known for eye and ear salve treatment.
- *A sophisticated banking system*
- Their *water supply*: an aquaduct brought water from hot springs. But – by the time the water reached the city, it was **lukewarm**

# 1. From...The Lord Jesus Christ (v14)

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- The Amen...(that is true)
- The Faithful & True Witness.
- The Beginning of the creation of God

## 2. What's wrong in Laodicea?

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- V15 – they are “neither cold nor hot”...but they are lukewarm...
- V16 – Jesus’s verdict:
  - “I wish you were one thing or the other.”
  - “I will spew you out of My mouth”.



## 2. What's wrong in Laodicea?

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- They misunderstand their condition.... (V17-18)
  - Surrounded by vast wealth...but you are paupers
  - With the best clothes...but you are naked
  - You are blind...

### 3. What is needed to put this right?

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- V18 – Christ says “**Come and buy from Me**”
  - Gold refined in the fire – that you may be rich
  - Clothing - to cover your shame
  - Eye salve – that you may see
- V19 – Because He loves us, Christ will **rebuke us and chasten us**...to “bring us to zealous repentance”
- V20 – He stands at the door and knocks... and if we open it, He “*will come in and dine with him, and he with Me*”.