**Sermon Notes October 10, 2021**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: Laodicea – A Second Look at a Lukewarm Church

**Scripture**: Revelation 3:14-22

**Summary**: A follow up look at the lukewarm church of Laodicea. Are we a lukewarm church? Is Jesus really welcome in what we do? Is He welcome on His own terms or only on ours? We must never forget that Jesus is first Lord in our lives… then savior.

**Read**: Revelation 3:14-21 prior to your Life Group meeting.

1. **The Problem**
   1. Revelation 3:15-16 (ESV)
   2. The Laodicean Christians were lukewarm, they were apathetic, and they were good for nothing.
      1. Most people view this passage from this lens, hot is for God and cold is against God and that makes lukewarm apathetic.
      2. Jesus is saying cold is good, hot is good and lukewarm is apathetic.
   3. Being lukewarm and unproductive for Jesus is not acceptable.
2. **The Prescription**
   1. Revelation 3:17-19 (ESV)
   2. Laodicea thought they were something great, they thought they had it all together. They thought they were special because they had more things.
      1. Perhaps they interpreted their wealth as God’s blessing upon them.
   3. Jesus counsels Laodicea in 4 ways.
      1. Buy Refined Gold
      2. Buy White Linens
      3. Buy Eye Salve
      4. Repent and Be Zealous
   4. The core problem is not that we are too passionate about bad things, but that we are not passionate enough about good things. (Larry Crabb)
3. **The Promise**
   1. Revelation 3:20-22 (ESV)
   2. This passage has nothing to do with salvation or non-Christians. It is Jesus addressing a lukewarm church seeking entrance back into the church.

Is Jesus really welcome in what we do…? Is He welcome on His own terms or only on ours? Oftentimes we might not want Him there if He’s…

* going to demand something…
* if he’s going to expect us to live a certain way…
* talk a certain way…
* act a certain way.

We must never forget that Jesus is first Lord in our lives… then savior.

He promises us a right to reign with Him.