

Revelation 2- The 7 Churches

The Church of Laodicea

- This city is 90 miles due east of Ephesus and about 45 miles southeast of Philadelphia
- It was founded by Antiochus II and named after his wife (common name for women then)
- It was a banking center with enormous wealth, majestic temples and theaters
- It was the home of one of the most famous and respected medical schools known for its “eye salve” called cellyrium
- Famous for its manufacture of black glossy wool garments and mineral springs
- The name means “the people’s rights” or “judgements of the people” and pictures the “Worldly Church”. It is representative of the church age from 1900- Rapture and is marked by apostacy, apathy, and acceptance of worldly views and philosophies

1) **The Counselor 3:14**

- “the Amen” = means “so let it be”, one of the names of God
- The faithful and true witness- reference to Christ and some think the Holy Spirit as well
- The “beginning of the creation of God” – the _____ of the creation, the one who made it happen

2) **The Commendation 3:8 NONE!**

3) **The Condemnation 3:15-17**

- The Indictment of the Lord
 - Works are neither _____ nor _____
 - He will “spew thee” – literally “_____ out”
 - Picture of the _____ from the other side (those left behind)
 - “lukewarm” – implies _____, wanting to appeal to the cold ones and the hot ones, get along without choosing sides – not liberal or fundamental, but moderate, fence straddle
- The Ignorance of the Laodiceans
 - “rich and increased” = affluent in their society, personal life, and religious traditions
 - “have need of nothing” = self-sufficient, _____, PRIDE

4) The Counsel 3:18-19

- “buy of me” – not referencing _____ but buying into that which was already paid for by the Lord Jesus (Is. 55:1)
 - Gold tied in the fire = _____ righteousness
 - White raiment = _____ righteousness
 - Eye salve = the Holy Spirit who illuminates the way of God for the child of God
- As many as I love..... = those who are saved but are “in the worldly system”
- Be zealous and repent!

5) The Challenge 3:20-22

- An Invitation to _____ v 20
 - He is knocking, if you open your heart, he will come in
- An Invitation to _____ v 20-21
 - How sad is it that Jesus is on the outside of his own church!
 - Fellowship brings intimacy and victory
- An Invitation to _____ v 22
 - We do well to listen and learn from these examples. Every problem in these 7 churches are prevalent in the churches of today!
 - His Word to them is His Word to us!