

“The Danger of Being a Comfortable Church”

Revelation 3:14-22

Intro: Jesus’ letter to the church in Laodicea is the last of seven letters to seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Five of the churches—including Laodicea—needed to repent. Smyrna and Philadelphia were told to be faithful and hold on to the Gospel.

This letter is not the first letter to Laodicea mentioned in the Bible, however....

I. Words of the Amen

- a. From Ἰησοῦς to Ἀμήν to Amen: truly, assuredly, firm
- b. Every promise of God is “Yes” and “Amen” in Christ
- c. He’s the Amen at the beginning and end of creation

II. Neither Cold nor Hot

- a. A field trip to Laodicea in the Lycus River Valley
- b. The danger of material wealth and comfort
- c. True riches, clothing, and sight in Christ

III. The Loving Rebuke

- a. Where is Jesus in relation to this church?
- b. Where is Jesus in relation to your life?
- c. His knocking is both evangelistic and disciplinary

Close: Jesus closes his letter to the church in Laodicea with one of the most stunning promises in the Bible: “To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne” (Revelation 3:21). Now that’s an experience worth repenting for!