

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 3:15-22

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

¹⁴ "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen,
the faithful and true Witness,
the Beginning
of the creation

of God, says this:

¹⁵ 'I know your deeds,
that you are neither cold nor hot;
I wish that you were cold or hot.

¹⁶ So because you are lukewarm,
and neither hot nor cold,
I will spit you out of My mouth.

¹⁷ Because you say,
"I am rich,
and have become wealthy,
and have need of nothing,"
and you do not know that you are wretched
and miserable
and poor
and blind
and naked,

¹⁸ I advise you to buy
from Me
gold refined by fire
so that you may become rich,
and white garments
so that you may clothe yourself,
and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed;
and eye salve
to anoint your eyes
so that you may see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove
and discipline;
therefore be zealous
and repent.

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door
and knock;
if anyone hears My voice
and opens the door,
I will come in to him
and will dine with him,
and he with Me.

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²¹ He who overcomes, will grant him to sit down
with Me
on My throne,
as I also overcame
and sat down
with My Father
on His throne.

²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

❖ Day 1

Read: Revelation 3:15-22

- 1. If you are able, use a study Bible, Bible Dictionary, or commentary to describe the city of Laodicea. What were three primary industries? How was their water supplied?**
- 2. How does Jesus describe himself?**
- 3. What is the Beginning of creation of God mean? Find scriptures to prove this description of himself.**
- 4. What is the significance of knowing their deeds?**
- 5. What does “neither cold nor hot,” but “lukewarm” mean?**
- 6. What will happen to lukewarm people? Why?**

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7. **What is the major difference in how Jesus addresses the Laodicean church compared to the other churches? What is missing?**

❖ Day 2

Read: Revelation 3:15-22 again.

8. **What was the attitude of the church members as described in verse 17? How might this have impacted their view of Christ?**

9. **How does Jesus describe their condition? What do those descriptions refer to?**

10. **What three things does Jesus offer instead? What do these signify?**

11. **What was Jesus's response to them in verse 19?**

12. **Why is it good to be reproved and disciplined by God?**

13. **What did Jesus want them to do to return to him?**

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❖ Day 3

Read: Revelation 3:15-22 again.

14. Look at verse 20. Do some study and find out what this means. Use Scripture to support your answer.

15. Is this letter addressed to unbelievers or believers in the church? Support your answer.

16. What is the promise to the one who overcomes?

17. How can you move from a superficial relationship to a deeper relationship with your Lord?

18. What might keep you from a deeper obedient relationship with Jesus our Lord. What do you most often think about? What do you spend your time doing? What do you spend your money on? These three questions will often reveal what is most important to you.

19. Evaluate your spiritual condition. Are you Hot, Cold, or Lukewarm?

In preparation for Sunday, pray inviting Jesus to take primacy in every part of your life. Surrender yourself to Him. Offer him complete allegiance and confess ways you might be holding back. Humble yourself in His presence and come before the throne of grace. Ask Him to clothe you in white. Ask Him to give you sight. Ask Him to help you overcome the attractions of this world. Don't pretend and go through the motions but sincerely desire that relationship with Christ that he wants from you.