

5. Jesus says in verse 15 that **He knows** their deeds, but in verse 17 He says that there are things they **do not know**. What are the five things that they don't know about themselves? How can people be so self-deceived? What verses of Scripture help you answer that question?
6. What is the connection between **verse 18** and what you know about the city of Laodicea? What was it known for? In what did the citizens place their trust? What false gospel did those inside the church believe? How might the false beliefs of the surrounding culture infiltrate the church? What can we do to keep that from happening?
7. Read **Is. 55:1-3**. If the people in Laodicea are “poor” (beggars; destitute), how can they “buy” the things from Jesus that He says they need in Rev. 3:18? What do these things represent spiritually?
8. Some believe verse 19 proves that Jesus is talking about true believers because He says He loves them (see Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12). Does God love unbelievers (Jn. 3:16; Mk. 10:21)? Can the words “reprove” and “discipline” be applied to unbelievers? (see Jn. 16:8; 2 Tim. 2:25)
9. What does it mean to “**be zealous and repent**”? What does this look like for people who have been self-sufficient in their past?
10. How is **verse 20** often used by people? What is the primary context? If Jesus is not allowed inside the church, what is the spiritual condition of the people inside?
11. What does it mean to “**dine**” with Jesus? What future meals will true believers have with Jesus? See Rev. 19; Lk. 13:29; 22:29-30.
12. What does it mean that we will **sit down with Jesus on His throne**? See Rev. 20:4; 22:5.
13. Do you know Jesus as Lord and Savior? If you haven't come to Him in repentance and faith, please do so now.
14. Do you know people who think they are saved but they believe in a false gospel? Share the true gospel with them. Tell them to listen to this message.

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Revelation 3:14-22

**“The Things Which Are” – Part 7  
Our Glorious Lord's Message to the Church at Laodicea**

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen – Revelation 1
- II. **The Things Which Are – Revelation 2-3**
  - A. The Church at **Ephesus** (2:1-7)
  - B. The Church at **Smyrna** (2:8-11)
  - C. The Church at **Pergamum** (2:12-17)
  - D. The Church at **Thyatira** (2:18-29)
  - E. The Church at **Sardis** (3:1-6)
  - F. The Church at **Philadelphia** (3:7-13)
  - G. The Church at **Laodicea** (3:14-22)
    1. **Place (14)** – To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
    2. **Portrait (14)** – The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:
    3. **Praise** – NONE.

#### 4. Problem –

<sup>15</sup> “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> 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,”

#### 5. Prescription (18-19) –

<sup>18</sup> “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. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.”

#### 6. Promise (20-22) –

<sup>20</sup> “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. <sup>21</sup> He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

#### So What?

#### Discussion & Application:

1. We utilize a **literal, grammatical, historical** method of interpreting the Bible. Why is that important? How has that helped in our study of the 7 churches in Rev. 2-3?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is “**the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God**”? How was that specifically significant to the people in Laodicea? If Jesus is “the Amen,” what does that tell us about the nature of the Old Testament and the New Testament and their promises?
3. What are the two main views concerning the application of the terms: **cold, hot, and lukewarm** in verses 15-16? Which view do you hold? Why?
4. What does it mean that Jesus will **spit** them out of His mouth?