

A church with a tall bell tower stands in a vast, arid desert landscape. The sky is filled with a vibrant rainbow, with the colors transitioning from red on the left to blue on the right. The church is positioned in the center of the frame, slightly to the left of the rainbow's center. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

LAODICEA

LUKEWARM CHRISTIANITY

“Message to the Church in Laodicea”

Revelation 3 : 14 - 22

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. ²¹ 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. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. "'



Laodicea

- Located 40 miles southeast of Philadelphia
 - 10 miles north west of Colosse
 - 100 miles east of Ephesus



- named after King Antiochus' wife or sister, Laodice
- was the richest city within the region
- well known for its medical university
- had a water problem



CHRIST'S TITLE (Rev. 3:14)

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:

Revelation 3:14 (NASB)

"The Amen"

"The Faithful and True witness"

"The Beginning of the creation of God"

**CHRIST'S TITLE EMPHASIZES THE
TRUTHFULNESS AND ORIGIN OF
THE MESSAGE**

CHRIST'S REPROVES THE CHURCH (Rev. 3:15-16)

"LUKEWARM"

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.

Revelation 3:15-16 (NASB)

THE PROBLEM (Rev. 3:17)

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,

Revelation 3:17 (NASB)

"The basis for their lukewarm spirituality was that they were immensely wealthy, and this led to self-sufficiency and complacency, a deadly combination for Christians. Because they were materially rich, they assumed they were spiritually rich. The problem however, was not wealth per se but the smug self satisfaction it endangered. They had succumbed to their own affluent lifestyle, and they did not know it" (Grant R. Osborne).

THE SOLUTION (Rev. 3:18-20)

"GO SHOPPING!" (v. 18)

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. Revelation 3:18 (NASB)

"REPENT" (v. 19)

19 `Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. Revelation 3:19 (NASB)

"ACCEPT CHRIST'S INVITATION" (v. 20)

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. Revelation 3:20 (NASB)

THE PROMISE (v. 21)

21 `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.

Revelation 3:21 (NASB)

***THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES WILL
BE GIVEN A RULING POSITION
WITH CHRIST IN HIS KINGDOM.***

Life Truth

**THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST'S LOVE
IS THAT HE DESCENDS FROM HIS
THRONE OF GLORY TO DINE WITH
THOSE WHO ARE POOR AND
LOWLY.**



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