

**Series:** Evaluating the Spiritual Health of Your Heart

**Message Title:** *Laodicea—The Lukewarm Church is Not Hot or Cold*

**Primary Texts:** Revelation 3:14-22

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1. Just because \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You and others \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Scripture has \_\_\_\_\_.

4. You should \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 3:14-22**

*<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation. <sup>15</sup> I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either 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>For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <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 eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered 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.’”*

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Revelation 3:14-22**. In verse 16, Jesus said that He would “spit” them out of His mouth. Since the Greek word for “spit” is better translated as “vomit” or “throw up” what was Jesus saying? What do the descriptions in verses 17 reveal about the people in this church? What does the call for them to buy “white garments in verse 18 reveal? Since Jesus is knocking on the church door in verse 20, what can we conclude about the people in this church?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**. What is the meaning of “believed in vain”? Read **James 2:26**. What does this verse reveal about vain faith? Read **1 John 5:13**. Why did the apostle John write 1 John? Read **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**. Who is the Sower of the seed? What are the characteristics of the soil beside the road, the rocky soil, the thorny soil and the good soil? How did the rocky soil and thorny soil respond to the Word of God? What does this reveal about how people respond to the gospel?
3. Read **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**. What does the parable teach us about non-Christians and Christians. Read **Matthew 7:21-23**. Who are the people in this illustration? What did Jesus say to these individuals? Were these people Christians? Does this reveal that non-Christians might be active in the life of a church? In the leadership? In the pulpit? Read **2 Corinthians 13:5**. What concern did the apostle Paul have about some of the Corinthians? Was Judas a believer?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**. What must a person believe in order to have true faith or saving faith? Read **Romans 10:9**. What is true of a real Christian? Read **Luke 5:32, Luke 13:5** and **Acts 20:21**. Does this reveal that repentance must accompany true faith? Read **Luke 18:19** and **Ephesians 2:8-9**. Do we have to do good works in order to go to heaven? Are all of these conditions true of you? If so, then this is one indication you are a Christian.
5. Read **1 Corinthians 16:22** and **1 Peter 1:8**. What will be true of a real Christian and their relationship with Christ? Is this true of you? Read **1 John 2:3-4**. What do these passages say will be true of a Christian? Read **1 John 3:7-8**. What does practice mean? How do these passages reveal that a Christian is one who will desire to be holy? Read **1 Corinthians 2:12-14**. Does this mean that believers will be able to understand Scripture? Who helps believers? Read **Matthew 5:1-12**. The common characteristic in each beatitude is humility. What does this reveal will be true of a Christian? Do these characteristics of a Christian describe you?