

The Revelation of Jesus Christ!

Message 12

November 29, 2020

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. *Revelation 3:20, NKJV*

The Lukewarm Church!

Revelation 3:14-22, NKJV

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,

‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ¹⁵ “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. ¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. 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 dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit 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.” ’ ’ ”

They had lost their vigor: “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.” *Revelation 3:16, NKJV*

In the Christian Life, there are three Spiritual Temperatures!

- ❖ Hot Heart – “Didn’t our hearts burn with the flame of the holy passion while we walked beside Him? He unveiled for us such profound revelations from the Scriptures.” *Luke 24:32, The Passion Version*

- ❖ Cold Heart – “There will be such an increase of sin and lawlessness that those whose hearts once burned with passion for God will grow cold.” *Matthew 24:12, The Passion Version*

- ❖ Lukewarm Heart – “But because you are neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm, I am about to spit you from my mouth.” *Revelation 3:16, The Passion Version*

They had lost their values: ¹⁷ “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich;...” *Revelation 3:17-18a, NKJV*

They had lost their vesture: “and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;” *Revelation 3:18b, NKJV*

They had lost their vision: “and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.” *Revelation 3:18c, NKJV*

The Great Physician gave to them and to all churches *Five Prescriptions:*

- ❖ For Spiritual Poverty – Jesus prescribed “gold” – spiritual riches such as character, integrity, virtue, and other blessings and rewards – all refined in the fire of suffering. (3:18)

- ❖ For Spiritual Nakedness – Jesus prescribed the garments of righteousness. (3:18)

- ❖ For Spiritual Blindness – Jesus prescribed a spiritual salve that would open their eyes to their spiritual condition. (3:18)

- ❖ For Spiritual Compromise – Jesus prescribed repentance and zeal. (3:19)

- ❖ For Spiritual Deafness – Jesus prescribed a listening ear, to hear His voice – His knock – and open the door and welcome Him to come in. (3:20)

NLC’s verse for 2020

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*