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The Complacent

Revelation 3:14-22

Introduction:

Like the church at Sardis, Laodicea had been bitten by the bug of complacency. But this church was also spiritually arrogant in its self-satisfaction. It was the only church Christ did not commend for anything.

Tragic, indeed!

The church thought of itself as rich and in need of nothing from Christ.

Although many of the members may have been materially rich, the “wealth” it claimed for itself would be spiritual. What is in view here is Laodicea’s spiritual pride and complacency.

Rev. 3:14-15 *And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.*

What was the implication made by Christ to the Church of Laodicea?

What is meant by the phrase thou art neither cold, nor hot?

5 Things about the Laodiceans:

- ❖ He knew their works
- ❖ Not cold nor hot
- ❖ Lukewarm and nauseating
- ❖ Proud and self-satisfied (v 17)
- ❖ Ignorant of their true state (v 17)

The Saints were completely dead, passionless, indifferent, and careless.

Rev 3:16 *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

From the item above, what is a true indication of a lukewarm believer?

Rev 3:17 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*

Is it a sin to possess material things? According to this scripture, what possible issue can success or wealth bring to a Christian?

Laodicea’s 3fold Estimate of themselves:

- ❖ I am Rich
- ❖ I am increased with goods
- ❖ I have need of nothing

Rev. 3:18 *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

The 5Fold Counsel of God to the Laodiceans

- ❖ Buy of me gold tried in the fire (v 18)
- ❖ Buy of me white raiment
- ❖ Anoint your eyes with eye salve
- ❖ Be zealous to save your souls (v 19)
- ❖ Repent (v 19)

Rev. 3:19-20 *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

