

LUKEWARM LAODICEA

Rev. 3:14-22
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If a church is lukewarm spiritually, are they really a true church? Why or why not?

THE CONDITION WHEN LUKEWARM (v. 14-17)

1. A Disgusting Condition (v. 15-16).

Why is it incorrect to assume “hot” means “zealous” and “cold” means “dead?”

Are there people who regularly meet as the church of Christ that are disgusting to Christ and of no benefit in ministry to their community? How would you describe them and warn your children from going to such a church?

2. A Darkened Condition (v. 17, 14).

What does the "Amen" description denote?

What does the need-of-nothing attitude achieve?

Why does Christ tell them he is the beginning and source of creation, the giver of life (v.14)?

How could someone maintain a lukewarm condition and still be in the local church?

- a) Failure to use the Word of God (Ps. 119:105).
- b) Failure to engage in self-examination (2 Cor. 13:5).

THE COUNSEL WHEN LUKEWARM (v. 18-20)

*** If we are in need of nothing, then we are good for nothing.

1. Realize we are in need (v. 18).
2. Recognize God's word in our lives (v. 19; Heb. 12:5-11).
3. Repent of our sin and do it now (v. 19).
4. Respond to Jesus' invitation (v. 20). Jesus invites the sinner; the sinner does not invite the Savior.

THE COMFORT WHEN LUKEWARM (v. 21, 22)

How do we overcome a lukewarm condition?

The only comfort when we are lukewarm, is in . . .