

The Seven Churches of the Revelation

Laodicea

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Thread: “The revelation of Jesus” unravels the knots in my mind and heart.

Main Text: Revelation 3:14-21 NLT

• The “Who” is Everything

- **Text:** Revelation 3:14 NLT
- Jesus brings clarity to “Who” He is.
 - The Amen – Hebrew word meaning *binding, utterly trustworthy, a foundation to build on.*
 - The Faithful and True Witness – Greek word meaning *genuine, opposed to counterfeit.*
 - The Beginning of God’s Creation – Greek word meaning *not just the beginning; the originator/source for a sequence.*
- Jesus is the absolute valid and binding truth, who is a faithful and true representation of God, who is the source of all that we have and all we will ever need!

• A World’s Reality

- **Text:** Revelation 3:15-16 NLT
 - Cold – refreshes, renews
 - Hot – heals, soothes
 - Lukewarm – neutral, ineffective
- Laodicea was famously known for banks, clothes, medical expertise.
- But Jesus said: They are poor, they are blind, they are naked.

• A Savior’s Promise

A loving Savior draws near.

- **Text:** Revelation 3:18-19 NLT
- Jesus offers us what we can’t gain on our own:
 - Jesus offers us the riches of **GRACE.**
 - Jesus offers us the white garments of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **FREEDOM.**
 - Jesus offers us clarity to see His **LOVE** and **COMPASSION** for us.

A compassionate Savior makes a way.

- **Text:** Revelation 3:19 NLT
- Love – Greek word is *Phileo*. Affectionate love, love that feels, love that likes to be with his beloved.
- Jesus’ love for us makes a way.

A patient Savior’s loves.

- **Text:** Revelation 3:20-21 NLT
- “I stand at the door and knock” – He patiently waits for you.
- “I will come in” – the greatest promise.
- An invitation to live, walk and sit at the side of Jesus. The foundation, source, and true witness of God.

Challenge:

- What streams have we allowed into our lives that are creating lukewarm waters?
- What lies have we believed that make us neutral or ineffective?
- What lies do you need to break agreement with?
- What do you diligently need to turn from?
- What is God calling you to do?
- Will you open the door to Jesus this week?



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