

# TO THE CHURCH

The Church in Laodicea | November 24, 2024

Revelation 3:14-22 (NLT) *Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning[a] of God’s new creation: <sup>15</sup> “I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! <sup>16</sup> But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! <sup>17</sup> You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. <sup>19</sup> I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. <sup>20</sup> “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. <sup>21</sup> Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”*

Reflection Questions for me, about me:

- Am I finding stability and security in Jesus’ refining love for me, or in my accumulations and my wealth? (Luke 12:15)
- Am I finding joy in myself having right-standing with God through Jesus saving work on the cross, or in my ability to have the latest fashion and tech trends? (Philippians 3:8)
- Am I seeing people with eyes of love (Ex. My enemies?) Am I seeing that the fields are ready for harvest? (Ex. Reaching those who don’t know Jesus) (Matthew 5:43-48; Matthew 9:35-38)

Reflection Questions for me, about others:

- This week, how can I be a source of refreshment to those around me where I work, shop, eat, and play? (Proverbs 11:25)
- This week, how can I bring spiritual healing to those around me where I work, shop, eat, and play? (Galatians 5:22-23)

## The Church’s Assessment

## Jesus’ Assessment

<p>I am RICH I have EVERYTHING I WANT I don’t NEED A THING</p>	<p>You are Wretched You are Miserable You are Poor You are Blind You are Naked</p>
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