

"INTRODUCTION TO LAODICEAN MINISTRIES"

REVELATION 3:14-15

I. THE LORD'S SELF DESCRIPTION CONSISTS OF PERFECTIONS THAT JUSTIFY HIS AUTHORITY TO GIVE THE DESCRIPTION THAT HE DOES OF THESE PEOPLE (3:14)

A. He Is "*The Amen*"

1. This Word "*Amen*" Is A Transliteration
2. It References Things That Are Firm And Therefore Certain
3. This Is The Only Time In Scripture This Word Is Used As A Divine Title

B. He Is "*The Faithful And True Witness*"

1. He Is Not Self Deluded As We Are
2. Whatever He Says About Anything Is Worthy Of An "*Amen*"

C. He Is "*The Beginning Of The Creation Of God*"

1. Certain Cults Love To Abuse This Statement
2. The Statement Must Be Understood In An Active And Not A Passive Sense
3. Colossians 1:15-18 Is An Important Cross Reference

II. THE LORD'S SOBERING DESCRIPTION OF SOME CHRISTIANS AND SOME CHURCHES (3:15)

A. The Church At Laodicea Consisted Largely, Though Not Exclusively Of Regenerated People

1. There Is Some Warmth Though They Were Neither *Hot Nor Cold*
2. The Man "*Apollos*" Is Illustrative Of The Concept Of *Hot*
3. Abounding Iniquity Is Illustrative Of *Cold* [Matthew 24:12]

B. The Church At Laodicea Was Neither In Great Sin Nor Greatly Committed To Christ And Godliness