

"THE LORD'S VERDICT ON LUKEWARM COMPLACENCY"

REVELATION 3:16-22

I. CHRIST'S COUNSEL BEGINS WITH A STATEMENT OF HIS REACTION TO THE CONDITION OF THIS CHURCH (3:16)

- A. It Is, At First Glance, A Revolting Expression
 - 1. Both The Cold & The Hot Take Christ Seriously, Though For Different Reasons
 - 2. It's The People In-between Who Take Him Lightly
- B. It Is A Reaction That We, Nevertheless, Understand Fully From Our Own Experience.

II. CHRIST'S COUNSEL IS SIGNIFICANT IN ITS CONTENT (3:17-19)

- A. He Unmasks Their True Spiritual Condition By First Quoting Their Own Self Appraisal (3:17)
 - 1. Even The Laodicean Coinage Bore Testimony To Their Abundance
 - 2. It Can Be Embarrassing To Have The Innermost Thoughts Of Your Heart Exposed
- B. He Advises Them To Purchase Three Things From Him (3:18)
 - 1. Real Gold
 - 2. Real Covering
 - 3. Real Sight
- C. He Reveals The Motivation Of Love Behind His Counsel (3:19)

III. CHRIST'S COUNSEL CONCLUDES WITH AN OPEN INVITATION AND A PROMISE (3:20-21)

- A. He Stands At A Door And Knocks (3:20)
 - 1. At Least Four Interpretations Of The Door Exist
 - 2. He Offers Himself To Anyone Who Will Respond
- B. He Promises A Special Seat (3:21)