

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

“Laodicea: The Church of Self-Sufficiency – Part A”

Revelation 3:14-22

I. Introduction

A. Background on the city.

1. Map.
2. Importance.
3. Location.
4. Size.
5. Identified with four major things:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

B. Understanding the major city distinctives.

1. Banking Center.
 - a. Noted wealthy people.
 - b. Tacitus’ remarks.
2. Textile Industry.
 - a. Trade guilds.
 - b. Manufacturer of the ancient p_____.
 - c. “Trimita”.
3. Medical Schools
 - a. Several institutions.
 - b. Strabo
 - c. “Men Karou”
 - d. Galen
4. Poor water.
 - a. No natural drinking water supply.
 - b. Supplied water was not cool.

II. Exposition.

A. Reading the Text: Revelation 3:14-22.

B. The Christ Title

1. Revelation 3:14

- a. No direct linkage with opening vision of Rev. 1:9-20.
- b. Three titles
 1. A_____
 2. F_____ and T_____ Witness
 3. Ruler of G_____ C_____
- c. Truth of God description.
 1. Isaiah 65:15-16 – Description of God.
 - a. The Amen – The truth of Christ’s Sermon is about to be preached.
- d. Faithful and True
 1. Greater emphasis on truth of message.
- e. Beginning of God’s creation.
 1. The “*arche*”. – Col. 4:16; John 1:1; Col 1:15-18; Heb 1:6

III. Points for Reflection.

A. Christ and Christianity is about Truth.

1. Note the importance of our belief being grounded in Truth.
2. Jesus’ remark – John 18:33-38.
3. The gospels’ use of “I tell you the truth...”
4. The Amen
 - a. Usually a response from the hearers, but not in Jesus’ case.
5. Believe the truth – John 14:10-11.
6. Comfort from the Truth.
 - Rest
 - Sobriety

B. Jesus asserts that He is the one who made and holds all things together.

1. Science without theology does not lead to wisdom.