

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

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

Revelation 3:14-22

- I. Introduction and review.
 - A. Part A: The Christ Title.
 1. He is the Amen.
 2. Faithful and True Witness.
 3. The first born of creation.
 - B. No commendation.
 1. Worse than Sardis.
 - C. The Complaint
 1. Lukewarm – apparent by Christ’s use of five adjectives.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 2. How did the church become like this?
 - a. Spiritual degeneration (Judges 2:10-11).
 - D. Final reading.
 1. Revelation 3:14-22.
- II. Exposition
 - A. The Correction
 1. How shall we then live – II Peter 3:11.
 2. “Buy gold from me,” verse 18.
 - a. Strabo.
 3. “Refined by Fire,” verse 18.
 - a. Biblical metaphor – Prov. 27:21; Isa. 1:25; Mal. 3:2-3
 4. “Buy white clothing to cover your nakedness,” verse 18.
 - a. Nakedness or stained garments equate to sin.
 5. “Buy salve from me for your eyes,” verse 18.
 - a. Blindness may also indicate spiritual death.
 1. John 3:3
 6. Christ is the answer.
 - a. Note the use of the prepositional phrase “from me.”
 - B. The Consequences.
 1. Expectation might be negative, but it is not.
 - a. Revelation 3:20-21
 1. Graciousness of Christ – Revelation 3:19.
 2. The promise of Jesus knocking.
 - a. Evangelism? No!
 - b. Only God opens the heart of the unbeliever.
 1. Acts 16:14
 - c. Desire to dine.
 1. Importance in the ancient world.
 - a. Luke 15:2; Luke 19:5-7
 3. The Nike formula.
 - a. Revelation 3:5a; II Timothy 2:12
 - b. The double throne
- III. Points for Reflection.
 - A. Spiritual blindness because of preoccupation over persons, places or things spells disaster for the next generation.
 1. New statistics.
 - B. Note the dangers of physical wealth and spiritual poverty.
 1. Deuteronomy 8:12-17
 2. II Timothy 3:2; Mark 10:25
 - C. How could the church get into this position?
 1. Reasons.
 - a. One: _____
 - b. Two: _____