

# Laodicea – Luxuriant Yet Loathsome

## Revelation 3:14-22

**Introduction:** The seventh church to receive a message from the risen Christ was Laodicea. This church was successful yet spiritually nauseating!

### A. Christ's Appearance to the Church

Christ is pictured as the Amen – the true and faithful witness. He is identified as the Creator of all creation.

### B. Characteristics of the City

Laodicea means *rule of the people*. This city was a financial hub with a noted medical center for the treatment of eye ailments.

### C. Characteristics of the Church

The church was prosperous yet lacking in discernment. It can be compared both with ancient Israel as a remnant after their exile and with modern Israel as a believing remnant awaiting the true Messiah. Prophetically this church represents the Culturally-sensitive Church from 1900 AD to the Tribulation.

### D. Compliment to the Church

This is the only church that does not receive a compliment from Christ.

### E. Complaint to the Church

Christ critiques the church as lukewarm, lacking spiritual discernment and being morally naked.

### F. Counsel to the Church

Christ counsels the church to repent and to restore spiritual values (*gold*), virtues (*white raiment*), and vision (*anoint eyes with eye salve*).

### G. Covenant with the Church

Christ promises the faithful that He would fellowship with them.



*Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God – Romans 10:17*