

Sermon Outline: 6.4.23

Sermon Series: **Apocalypse**
Sermon Title: ***Christian Externally, But Christless Internally***
Sermon Text: Revelation 3:14-22

The Church at Ephesus

Living, But Not Loving

Historically – *Apostolic*, 100 AD

The Church at Smyrna

Poor & Persecuted, But Righteous & Rewarded

Historically – *Hated*, 100-312 AD

The Church at Pergamos

Getting Along, But Going Along

Historically – *Popular*, 312-606 AD

The Church at Thyatira

Large-Loving, But Let-Living

Historically – *Dark Ages*, 606-1500's AD

The Church at Sardis

Walking & Talking, But Dead & Dying

Historically – *Reformation*, 1500's-1700's AD

The Church at Philadelphia

Little in Power, But Loaded with Promises

Historically – *Evangelistic*, 1700's AD to Tribulation

The Church at Laodicea

Christian Externally, But Christless Internally

Historically – *Apostate*, 1900's AD thru Tribulation

(Revelation 3:14-22)

(Colossians 2:1, 4:15-17) (2nd Thessalonians 2:3)

Laodicea: Christian Externally, But Christless Internally

Jesus' Unveiling of Himself

"The Amen" – Judge

"The Faithful & True Witness" – Revealer

"The Beginning of the Creation" – Creator

Jesus' Unveiling of the Laodicean Church

Sickeningly Lukewarm

"Cold" – Spiritually Lifeless

"Hot" – Spiritually Fervent

"Lukewarm" – Spiritually Indifferent

Seriously Self-Deceived

What they thought: "Rich, happy, satisfied."

What Jesus knew: "Poor, blind, naked."

Jesus' Invitation to the Laodicean Church

Buy from Me...

(Isaiah 55:1-3) (Isaiah 1:18)

"Gold" – Spiritual Value

"White Raiment" – Spiritual Virtue

"Eye Salve" – Spiritual Vision

Let Me In...

Hear & Open by Faith

Jesus' Consolation for the Laodicean Church

Feasting & Fellowship

Ruling & Reigning

(Romans 8:17) (Revelation 5:10)

(Luke 13:6-9)

(John 15:5)

(John 10:10)