The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 10 - Section 2: The Letters to the Churches – Rev 2&3

LAODICEA: Spiritual pride and lukewarmness (Rev. 3:14-22)

I. THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA

A. Background

1. Laodicea was a wealthy city being a center of banking, manufacturing (soft wool) and medicine. It was located by three major highways; the city was the judicial seat of the district; and had a famous school of medicine that developed a treatment that was applied to cure eye diseases.
2. Its great weakness was in lacking a water supply. An aqueduct brought them water from neighboring Hierapolis (known for its hot springs) and Colossae (known for its cold springs).

B. Revelation of Jesus

1. The words of the AMEN
2. The Faithful and true witness
3. The beginning of God's creation

C. Affirmation

1. None

D. Rebuked for complacency

a. Lukewarm - neither hot nor cold

b. Vomit you out! Ouch!

c. You think you are rich, prosperous, needing nothing

(1) Danger!

d. Instead you are …

(1) wretched -

(2) miserable – in need of mercy

(3) poor

(4) blind

(5) naked

E. Exhortation

1. Buy from me fire refined gold unto wealth
    a. Is 55:1
    b. 1 Pet 1:6-7
    c. What do I have to buy with?
2. Garments to cover your shame
    a. Rev 16:15
    b.
3. Salve to anoint your eyes so you can see
    a. We need revelation! Eph 1:17
4. I love you! That's why the discipline so be zealous and repent!
    a. Discipline of the Lord – Heb 12
    b. Zeal – burning zeal,
        (1) Phinehas – Num 25
        (2) Extreme love and devotion, 100%
            (a) Matt 22:35f
    c. Remember from where you have fallen! Get hot again!
5. I'm knocking, listen and open up and we can have fellowship again
    a. In this fellowship I will show you the way!

F. He who overcomes – the rewards
1. Will sit with me on my throne!