

The Church at Laodicea, the Fake Church

Rev. 3:14-21

- I.** Laodicea: lao = people, dica = rights, justice—people's justice.
 1. The people have the ability to define morality, God.
 2. Represents most of today's Christendom, *aka* Christedumb.
- II.** Laodicea's judgment measured by their works.
 1. The destination of a person is determined not by works, but rather whether or not their name is in the Book of the Life (Rev. 20:11-15).
 2. The degree of punishment, or reward, is determined by works (1 Cor. 3:12-15).
 3. Not hot or cold, lukewarm; they have no defining character.
 - 1) They absorb, amalgamate all 'Christian' belief systems.
 - 2) "You are entitled to your point of view."
 4. Because of their lack of Christian character, Christ is about to spit them out of His mouth.
- III.** Descriptions of the collective unsaved state of this church.
 1. Not hot or cold.
 2. Christ will spit them out of His mouth.
 3. They are physically rich, so their deficiencies are in the spiritual realm.
 - Wretched (*cf.* Rom. 7:24).
 - Miserable, pitiful (*cf.* 1 Cor. 15:19).
 - Poor (*cf.* Col. 1:27).
 - Blind (*cf.* 2 Cor. 4:4).
 - Naked (*cf.* Gal. 3:27).
 4. Christ is not even fond of them since He will not child train or rebuke them v. 19. "*If how many as I might be fond of, I rebuke and I child train...*" (This is a third-class condition clause and suggests a remote possibility.)