

The Church at Laodicea, the Fake Church

Rev. 3:14-21

- I.** Laodicea: lao = people, dica = rights, justice—people's justice, people's values.
 - 1. 10+ descriptions that indicate this church is collectively unsaved.
 - 2. He will spit out, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked, mocked, *etc.*
 - II.** Christ mocks this organization because they:
 - 1. Think that since they are rich physically that God is blessing them.
 - 2. Think they are working for God but cannot produce works of value: lukewarm.
 - III.** Christ counsels them to do that which they cannot do—uses ridicule, contempt, satire, mocking tone (Rev. 3:18).
 - 1. To buy assayed gold, which are acceptable works (1 Cor. 3:12-16). Mock: their physical gold cannot buy spiritual good works.
 - 2. To buy white clothing: ridicule: only God can declare a human righteous. Ridicule: humans cannot buy righteousness. White clothing—righteous (Rev. 19:8; Eph. 5:26-27) 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 Pet. 1:18-19).
 - 3. To buy eye-salve in order to rub in their eyes to see spiritual truth. Satire: only the Holy Spirit can illumine one to spiritual truth (1 Jn. 2:20, 27).
 - IV.** Christ indicates He is not even fond of them (Rev. 3:19).
 - 1. "As many as I happen* to be fond of..."
 - 1) He would reprove (2 Tim. 3:16).
 - 2) He would child train (Heb. 12:6-8).
 - 3) Being zealous (2 Cor. 11:2 *cf.* Gal. 5:20).
 - 4) Start to repent—change your mind (2 Cor. 7:8-10).
 - 2. Christ stands at the door, of the church (Rev. 3:20).
 - 1) Christ is shut out of the church.
 - 2) Those who happen to hear would open the door to the church.
 - 3) If they should open the door*
 - i. He would come into the church.
 - ii. He would have a relationship with them.
- *Note:** these are third class conditional clauses which means that they are possible but not probable.