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REVELATION 3:14-22

-- Big Idea: Those who will reign with Christ forever are only those who long to be near to Him today.

1.) Am I really _____? (v. 14-15).

- In the title "the Amen," Christ reminds the church that He alone is humanity's ultimate, infallible, and authoritative judge.
- As the "faithful and true Witness" Jesus always tells us the _____ even when (especially when) we don't want to hear it.
- Everyone who longs for eternal life will listen carefully to the words of Him in whom it is not only its beginning, but also its "Amen."

2.) What _____ am I making? (v. 15-16)

- Both cold and hot are good here, because they are mentioned in reference to _____.
- A faith that makes no impact for the kingdom and glory of God is like lukewarm water to the mouth (1 Corinthians 12:27, James 2:17-18).
- Christ responds to lukewarm followers as we tend to respond to lukewarm water—He "spits them out of His mouth."
- Are we giving off the flavor of heaven, or is our witness to a watching world like lukewarm water that repels rather than recruits?

3.) How _____ am I repenting? (v. 17).

- There was an immense chasm between the Laodiceans _____ and their true spiritual condition.
- The Laodicean church members rejoiced in their spiritual condition when they should have been repenting.
- We should avoid the temptation to examine our spiritual condition from our own perspective, and strive to see ourselves through Christ's eyes.
- Lukewarm Christians suffer from a self-deceived spirituality that keeps them satisfied with unrighteousness.
- Self-righteousness has tremendous power to inflict outrageous measures spiritual blindness in the human heart and mind.

4.) What am I sincerely _____? (v. 18-19)

- Laodicea had acquired its material wealth from three primary sources—banking, textiles, and the production of a popular eye salve.
- The will of Christ for the church is that the spiritual poverty brought about by our sin would be replaced by _____ wealth.
- The only place we can get these spiritual riches is from Jesus himself. So, He says, "I counsel you to buy from me."
- Since sin has made us bankrupt, how are we supposed to afford gold, white garments, or salve from Christ?

5.) Am I letting the _____ in?

- The only thing we can offer Christ in exchange for eternal riches from Him is the _____ of an open heart.
- This call to open the door of the heart to Christ is not addressed directly to unbelievers, but to lukewarm, self-satisfied Christians.
- Disengagement from the Lord is the habit of people who are inhospitably satisfied to leave Him on the doorstep knocking.
 - Distance from Christ and His Word dissipates our passion for Him.
 - Are we habitually maintaining close fellowship with the Lord, or do we keep Him on the doorstep?
 - Is Jesus a close companion with whom you share rich spiritual meals? Or do you treat Him more like a distant deity for special occasions?

The Key Application

- In His love for us, Christ summons us to earnestly _____ of every measure of self-righteous or self-satisfied pride.
- Seek your heart for lukewarm faith, and then invite the Lord come in and make refresh your faith once again.

A Promise to Those Who Conquer

- Christ offers a share in His universal and everlasting rule to those who, by grace, overcome the perils of self-satisfied religion and lukewarm faith.
- Those who will reign with Christ forever are those who long to be near to Him _____.