

*The Seven Churches of Asia*

# How Jesus Sees the Church: Laodicea

*“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth” (Revelation 3:15-16).*





Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos

# What We Have Learned So Far

- The church at Ephesus: *love*
- The church at Smyrna: *loyalty*
- The church at Pergamum: *truth*
- The church at Thyatira: *purity*
- The church at Sardis: *reality*
- The church at Philadelphia: *opportunity*

# The Problem at Laodicea

- They had lost their *vigor* (15-16).
- They had lost their *values* (17).
- They had lost their *vision* (18).
- They had lost their *victory* (21).

# The Prescription

- The Lord first gives an explanation: *“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline” (19a).*
- The Lord then gives an exhortation: *“Therefore be zealous and repent” (19b).*
- He adds a final encouragement: *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (22).*

# The Promise

- *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me” (20).*
- *“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne” (21).*

*So, to a lukewarm congregation Jesus gives the seventh quality He desires to see in His church: wholehearted commitment to Him!*

*Twenty-one centuries later, here is the question: where are we and how are we doing in the Henderson church?*



