Seven Churches Of Asia Series:

Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church

Rev. 3:14-22

Introduction:

A. Laodicea:
   1. SE of Philadelphia, near of Colossae
   2. Banking center, proud of its wealth
B. Let us notice the various parts of this letter:

Discussion:

I. The Description of Christ In This Letter (v. 14)
   A. “The Amen” - The one whose word is final.
   B. “Faithful and true witness.”
      1. Would never misrepresent them.
      2. His testimony would not be biased.
   C. “The beginning and end of creation.” (John 1:1-3).

II. The Condition Of The Church At Laodicea.
   A. Her good points - none.
   B. Her bad points. (vv. 15-17)
      1. Neither hot nor cold.
         a. Lukewarm - self satified.
         b. A little for the Lord , a little for Satan.
         c. No presecution, no spiritual warfare, no contending for faith.
      2. “You say....”
         a. Their self-estimate, but Jesus said, “You are...”
         b. How we feels not as important as what Lord feels.
         a. Blind of duty to Christ and to others.
      4. Naked.
         a. Public naked shameful, but spiritual nakedness even worse.
         b. Had not clothed themselves. (Col. 3:12-14)

III. The Advice To The Church At Laodicea.
   A. Buy spiritual wealth. (v. 18)
   B. Be zealous.
   C. Know that chastening is an act of love. (Heb. 12:6)
   D. Repent
   E. Open the door. (v.20)
   F. Overcome. (v. 21)

Conclusion:

A. Lukewarm person in worse possible position.
B. Avoid allowing prosperity to blind us to real needs.