

**Lesson 8**

“Sickening Self-Reliance”

*Revelation 3:14-22*

The Culture of the Church- Laodicea (3:14a)

* Culturally, they were affluent.
* Geographically, they were strategic.
* Economically, they were spoiled.
* Architecturally, they were sophisticated.
* Politically, they were independent.
* Religiously, they were narcissistic.
* Morally, they were blinded.

The Character of Christ (Rev. 3:14b)

* Jesus affirms everything about God. ~*the Amen*
* Jesus is the reliable witness. ~ *the faithful and true witness*
* Jesus is the Creator God. ~ *the beginning of the creation of God*

The Compliments for the Church

The Criticisms of the Church (3:15-17)

* They were useless. ~ *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot…thou art* ***lukewarm****…*
  + Hierapolis had healing water.
  + Colossae had revitalizing water.
  + Laodicea has lukewarm water.
* They were self-reliant. ~ *For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing*
* They were bankrupt. ~ *Not realizing that you are…*
  + You are spiritually troubled. ~ *wretched*
  + You are spiritually pitiful. ~ *and miserable*
  + You are spiritually destitute. ~ *and poor*
  + You are spiritually blind. ~ *and blind*
  + You are spiritually exposed. ~ *and naked*

The Consequences for the Church (3:16b, 19).

* He will vomit them out. ~ *I will spue thee out of my mouth.*
* He will rebuke them. ~ *Those whom I love, I reprove*
* He will discipline them. ~ *and discipline*

The Corrections for the Church (3:18-20)

* Take my advice. ~ *I counsel thee to buy of me*
  + Buy my pure gold and become truly rich.
  + Buy my white garments and be truly clothed.
  + Buy my eye-cream and truly see.
* Passionately repent. ~ *Be zealous therefore, and repent*
* Open the door. ~ *If anyone hears my voice and opens the door*
  + Jesus will join you. ~ *I will come in to him*
  + Jesus will commune with you. ~ *and will sup with him*
  + You will commune with Jesus. ~ *and him with me*

The Conquering for the Church (3:21)

* Overcomers will sit on His throne. ~ *Sit…in my throne*
* Overcomes will sit with Him. ~ *with me*

The Call to the Churches (3:22)

* Ephesus was taking a stand, but needed to rekindle its first love.
* Smyrna was suffering terribly, but they needed to remain faithful until they died.
* Pergamum was in Satan's backyard, and they needed to overcome doctrinal compromise.
* Thyatira was tolerating Jezebel, and they needed to overcome moral compromise.
* Sardis was seemed alive but was actually dead, and they needed repent of their apathy.
* Philadelphia was enduring in an unstable culture, and they needed to embrace their open-door opportunities.
* Laodicea was spiritually useless, and they needed to let Jesus back into the church.

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God.

2 Corinthians 3:5

College Student of the Night: Caleb Taylor

* Sophomore at PCC

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, and UIndy
* Single Focus
  + Growth in community
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

Specific Requests:

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Zirkles as Ronda goes through cancer treatments
* Xavion’s court situation
* Sarah’s family’s salvation

**Announcements:**

* Friday, November 10- Bowling at Pinheads- 7:00pm- $15



**Order of Service for tonight:**

**Service Theme**: Relying on God

* **Opening Game**: Total PB&J Trivia
* **Announcements**:
* **Opener**: Andy
* **Songs**:
  + Before the Throne of God Above- page 18
  + How Deep the Father’s Love for Us – page 57
* **Prayer**:
  + College Student of the Week: Caleb Taylor

**Message**: Pastor Andy