

**A FOLLOWING CHURCH**  
**Part 7: LOST LOVE (LAODICEA)**  
**February 24, 2019**

“We love, because He first loved us.”

I John 4:19 (NAS)

**CHRIST REVEALS HIMSELF**

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:”

Revelation 3:14 (NAS)

“... Do you think I am like people of the world who say “Yes” when they really mean “No”? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” He is the one ... I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate “Yes,” He always does what he says. For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for His glory.”

II Corinthians 1:17-20 (NLT)

“Jesus answered: “...Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me...”

John 14:9, 11 (NIV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”

John 1:1, 3-4 (NIV)

“...on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

- **Christ reveals Himself to this Church as the \_\_\_\_\_**  
**of \_\_\_\_\_, the true witness of the**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**CHRIST CONDEMNS THE NEGATIVE**

“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 (NAS)

- **Lukewarmness makes Christ \_\_\_\_\_ . Why?**

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ into thinking  
they are followers of Christ.

"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?" James 2:19-20 (NIV)

2. It \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
about what it means to be a Christ follower.

3. It \_\_\_\_\_ the Church's \_\_\_\_\_ .

"Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." Revelation 3:17 (NAS)

- Lukewarmness is self-\_\_\_\_\_ produced by self-\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, self-\_\_\_\_\_, and  
self-\_\_\_\_\_.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Luke 14:34-35 (NIV)

### CHRIST RECOMMENDS THE CURE FOR LUKEWARMNESS

"I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent." Revelation 3:18-19 (NAS)

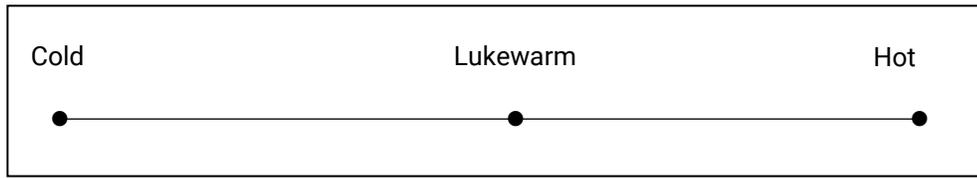
1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ whatever stands between me and  
following Christ.
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.

"And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

“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. 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.” Revelation 3:20-21 (NAS)

**MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...**

- How do I view myself spiritually?



- What next step do I need to take right now to become spiritually hot?

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- In light of Christ’s letter to the Church in Laodicea, what do you think Christ would write to GNG? E-mail your thoughts to [jeff@goodnewsgathering.org](mailto:jeff@goodnewsgathering.org).

- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
- Palm Sunday Baptism Celebration: April 14<sup>th</sup>. Check box on back of Communication Card for further information about baptism or to schedule a Baptism Interview.

- Prepare for next week’s lesson as we begin a new lesson series.
- See Bulletin insert for details.