

Lenten Bible Study – March 17, 2021

Revelation 3:14-21

Questions: Where do we need to be awakened? Where do we need to be revived?

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation: ¹⁵ “I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹ I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into you and eat with you, and you with me. ²¹ To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Lent: Yearly “reset” – time to take an honest look at several things in our lives:

Misunderstanding About This Passage:

- Laodicea was between the cities of Hierapolis and Colosse.
- Water:
 - The water in Laodicea was lukewarm and full of minerals. Made people sick.
 - Hot springs of Hierapolis = healing and restoration to people who suffer.
 - Cold like Colosse = refresh people.

Sleepy/Complacent:

- Does our presence bring healing and restoration to people? Does our presence refresh people? Do we point others to Christ?
- We will struggle at times – think of running a marathon
- That is the time to keep going – ask the Holy Spirit to revive us
- The white robes in the passage – clothe ourselves in Christ (Colossians 3:12-14)

To Ponder This Week:

- Where do I need to be awakened in my faith? Where have I become complacent or find myself just going through the motions?