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THE SEVEN – PART 9

THE CHURCH THAT MAKES JESUS SICK

Revelation 3:14-22

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Revelation 3:14-22 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

JESUS' DESCRIPTION OF HIMSELF

1. He is the final word.
2. He is the faithful witness.
3. He is the source of all creation.

JESUS' DESCRIPTION OF THE CHURCH

1. They were indifferent.
2. They were arrogant.
3. They were ignorant.

What is so repugnant about being lukewarm?

- It devalues our love for Jesus.
- It destroys our influence in the world.
- It ultimately condemns people to hell.

JESUS' COUNSEL TO THE CHURCH

1. Open your eyes to your spiritual need.
2. Recognize our value comes from whose we are not what we have.
3. Take off the shameful deeds of the past and put on the righteousness of Christ.