

Revelation of YAHSHUA to the Churches (Pt.8)
(The Church of Laodicea- the Lukewarm Church)
(Revelation 3: 14-22)

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the originator of God's creation says: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot or cold, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth; because you say, I am rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing, and you don't know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked, I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire so that you may be rich, and white clothes so that you may be dressed and your shameful nakedness not be exposed, and ointment to spread on your eyes so that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and discipline. So be committed and repent (Vs. 14-19).

The church of Laodicea was not only lukewarm; she was despicable, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. In her spiritual blindness she could not see her spiritual condition and lavished herself in her richness pretending to be lacking nothing. Meanwhile this church was nauseating to the Lord to the point of Him want to vomit her from His mouth. This figurative language used by the Lord gives us the understanding of how uncomfortable He was with the church of Laodicea to the extent of vomit or ejecting her out of His mouth. Laodicea church is prophetic of the times of the early nineteen hundreds to the rapture of the Bride of Christ. Laodicea's church shows the condition of today's church in general. Many are the churches which are submerged in the material riches pretending to be lacking nothing, in their spiritual lukewarmness. Her members hide themselves in the tradition of man enjoying the atmosphere of hanging out with others of the same Sunday after Sunday. The lukewarmness of the heart, beating its last beat of life, brings indifference and numbness to the faith: "We are all okay"! The can of worms must not be disturbed through conviction, for they believe their sins are already forgiven; they can live whatever life they want.

YAHSHUA, the all-knowing- omniscient YAHWEH, let all the churches know that He knew their works; nothing was hidden from Him. To the church of Laodicea, He presented Himself as the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the originator of YAHWEH'S creation. He is the Creator and the finisher of all things.

C.H. Spurgeon said this concerning the spiritual condition of the church of Laodicea: "The condition of lukewarmness – not cold not hot, in today's language is the moderates. They shine the light of eloquence but not burning lights of grace; everything is done half-hearted; lukewarmness is a hopeless condition; it is a condition that keeps the Lord away; He stands outside knocking to come in". The church that keeps the Lord outside does not have a relationship with Him; its temperature does not have the warmth of the Lord's presence, the enthusiasm of His joy; the warmth of His SPIRIT; it does not have the spiritual strength; it lacks salt for her speech (Col 4:6); salt for flavor (Matt. 5: 13); salt to have peace with one another (Mark 9: 50). The Lord desired that Laodicea would have been hot or cold; He continuously stands at the door of the Laodicea's church wanting to come in; He said, If anyone hears My

voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and have dinner with him, and he with Me (fellowship). The Lord asks Laodicea's church to open her door for Him to enter and invites her to dine with Him; in her spiritual condition, He gives her another chance to repent and leave that state of nauseating lukewarmness. YAHSHUA will only be present in a church where the doors will be open to Him. The Laodicea church was blind, but not deaf to hear the calling of her Lord to repent in order to receive His true **richness**, His pure white **clothes** to cover her nakedness and the **ointment** to heal her spiritual blindness.

The prophetic position of the Laodicea church makes her supposedly the last light bearer on earth. The light that Laodicea shines is very dim, indeed; her darkness blocks the Light that comes from her Savior and Lord YAHSHUA, as she keeps Him outside her door. YAHSHUA said in his sermon of the mountain, You are the light of the world; a city set on a hill cannot be hidden nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and gives light to all in the house; let you light so shine before men that they may see you moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble and good deed and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven (Matt. 5:14-16). In her spiritual blindness, poverty and nakedness, the church of Laodicea was found without the oil (the HOLY SPIRIT) to keep burning the shine of His truth to the world. She was found to be unbearable in her spiritual lukewarmness and indifferent to her Lord, without sufficient shine, a useless church ready to be ejected by her Lord! To her YAHSHUA promised that he who overcomes He would grant him to sit beside Him on His throne, as He Himself overcame and sat down beside His Father on His throne (vs.21). This confirms what Paul wrote In the letter to the Ephesus, Even when we were dead in our trespasses, YAHWEH made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Him, that is, He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him and He **raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together in the heavenly sphere in Christ YAHSHUA** (Ephesus 2:5,6). The Bride of Christ must have the spiritual discernment to flee from the apostate church of today's Laodicea church!