

Lukewarm and Unaware

Revelation 3:14–22 · Pastor Raul Granillo · June 21, 2026

TODAY'S TEXT

“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.**”

— Revelation 3:17

BIG IDEA

Laodicea is the mirror the American church most needs to look into — and most refuses to hold up. Christ does not rebuke their immorality or their doctrine. He rebukes their **self-sufficiency**. A church can be **full, funded, and functioning** — and be utterly useless, utterly rejected, and utterly without God.

KEY TRUTH

Lukewarm is not “middle-of-the-road faith.” Lukewarm is what Laodicea’s water actually was: **tepid, mineral-laden, and used to make people vomit**. A church should be cold like spring water — *refreshment* to the weary — and hot like a hot spring — *healing* to the sick. Laodicea was neither. It served only itself.

THREE INDUSTRIES — THREE MIRRORS

LAODICEA'S PRIDE	WHAT THEY CLAIMED	CHRIST'S VERDICT	CHRIST'S OFFER (v. 18)
GOLD (Banking)	“We are the Wall Street of Asia Minor. We are rich and need nothing.”	POOR.	Buy from me gold refined by fire — faith proven through suffering and endurance.
BLACK WOOL (Textiles)	“Our black wool is the Gucci of the Roman world. We wear status.”	NAKED.	White robes — purity, victory, the clothing of the resurrected faithful.
EYE SALVE (Medicine)	“We have the finest ophthalmologists in the empire. We see clearly.”	BLIND.	Salve to anoint your eyes — the gift of honest community, so you can see yourself.

DEFINE THIS

Self-Sufficiency — the spirit Christ confronts in Laodicea. Not atheism, not heresy, not immorality. It is the quiet conviction that we have built something, paid it off, kept it running, and *no longer need God in every part of it*. It is the spirit that confuses comfort with blessing.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER

“The question is not whether unbelievers will open the door. The question is: **why is Jesus on the outside?**”

TAKE IT HOME — REFLECTION

- If we self-assessed Mercy Springs honestly, would our assessment match Christ's? Where might the two disagree?
- Where in my life have I confused wealth, comfort, or self-sufficiency as evidence of God's pleasure with me?
- Who are the weary and the broken I am called to be cold water and hot water to this week — and what would it cost me to actually do it?

MY NOTES