



The Power Driven Church
 The Seven Churches of Revelation
Laodicea:
Prosperous But Poor

These things says He...
 The character of the Lord revealed to His Church!

Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of *Ephesus* write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks...

Rev 2:8 And unto the angel of the church in *Smyrna* write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive...

Rev 2:12 And to the angel of the church in *Pergamos* write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges...

Rev 2:18 And unto the angel of the Church in *Thyatira* write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass...

Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in *Sardis* write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars...

Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in *Philadelphia* write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth...

Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the *Laodiceans* write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God...

The Church at Laodicea
Deceived by Prosperity

Revelation 3:14-22

1. The Character of Jesus 3:14

a. The Amen

Verily-verily, truly-truly: Absolute truth.

b. Faithful and true witness

- Faithful: The work Jesus does!
- True: Real and complete. Joh 14:6
- Witness: An eyewitness.

c. Beginning of the creation of God

The source of all things
Rom 1:25; Col 1:15-18

2. The Approval

There is none...

3. The Criticism

The criticism was out of love... Rev 3:19

a. Self Satisfied 3:15-16

The quickest way to make Jesus sick:

Live in your comfort zone!

*Cold water refreshes, hot water heals,
 But lukewarm water does neither.*

b. Self Sufficient 3:17

*Deceived by their prosperity...they really were:
 Wretched—Miserable—Poor—Blind—Naked*

4. The Advice 3:18; 20

a. Buy From Me 3:18

Everything you need: get from me...

- Gold: Refined and revived
- White Raiment: Purity of faith
- Eye Salve: Spiritual sight and insight

b. Let me in 3:20

Jesus WAS NOT in this church:

He was outside knocking on the door!

5. The Assurance 3:21

Jesus is saying: *“Let me sit with you here and you can sit with me in my throne. I overcame and sat down with my Father, and so can you.”*
Mat 19:28; Luk 22:29; 1 Co 6:2; Rev 22:1-5; 2 Ti 2:11-12a