

" Laodicea – The Church of Lukewarm Deeds "

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Pastor Ed recommends these and other resources to you. He invites you to contact him at info@EastonWorshipCenter.org to join in our online discussions.

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Revelation 3:14-22 NIV

14a "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

Financial Sufficiency

Medical Sufficiency

Clothing Sufficiency

Laodicea had one major weakness: _____

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14b These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17

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15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

16 So, because you are lukewarm — neither hot nor cold — I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Psalms 42:1-2 NIV

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalms 63:1; Isaiah 41:17; John 4:7-14

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17 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.

18 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Church tradition tells us that the Apostle Philip was martyred in the city of Hierapolis, along with his children.

When they refused to deny that Jesus is Lord, they were beheaded as a family.

There is still a structure in Hierapolis called the St Philip Martyrion that has stood there for nearly two millennia to commemorate Philip's (and his family's) testimony to the supremacy of Jesus Christ!



St Philip's Martyrion

2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Isaiah 20:1-4

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19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

20 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.

1 Corinthians 11:31-32; Luke 12:35-40; Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:4-6

An inscription from the Lübeck, Germany Lutheran Cathedral

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21 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.

22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

For prayerful reflection:

- What historical, geographic, or common cultural experiences could you use to help a non-believer *in our community* understand some aspect of the Gospel message? Or which of these could you use to encourage another believer in his or her walk with God?
- Think about people who have had the greatest influence on your life for God. What was it about them that touched you deeply?
- If Jesus were to show up on your doorstep knocking on your front door tomorrow morning, in what ways do you think he would invite you to do “hot” or “cold” deeds in your community or workplace?

Life Scriptures for this week

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Sun, Aug 22	Psalm 63.1; John 4.7-14

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