THE FINAL STATE

Revelation 3:15-21 Pastor Alan Dionson February 23, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

The Laodicean effect...

A. THE REVELATION OF CHRIST

- 1. Christ as the **Amen** (v. 15a)
- 2. Christ as the Faithful Witness (v. 15b)
- 3. Christ as the Sovereign Ruler (v. 15c)

B. THE REBUKE OF LAODICEANS

- 1. The risk of being neither **hot** nor cold (v. 15-16)
- 2. The danger of independence without divine dependence (v. 17)
- 3. The pitfall of outward appearance over inner character (v. 18a)
- 4. The tragedy of vision without **conviction** (v. 18b)

C. THE REQUISITE FOR THE LAODICEANS

- 1. The loving **discipline** to those whom God loves (v. 19)
- 2. The invitation to open the **door** of their hearts (v. 20)
- 3. The vision of being **seated** with Christ (v. 21)

CONCLUSION

"You may never know that JESUS is all you need, until JESUS is all you have." Corrie Ten Boom

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSSION GUID

Opening Question:

Have you ever experienced a time when you felt spiritually lukewarm? What led to it, and how did you overcome it?

I. THE REVELATION OF CHRIST (Read Revelation 3:15)

1. Jesus is described as the Amen, the Faithful Witness, and the Ruler. What do these titles reveal about His character and authority?

II. THE REBUKE OF THE LAODICEANS (Read Revelation 3:15-18)

2. The Peril of Lukewarmness (v. 15-16)

Why does Jesus prefer that they be hot or cold rather than lukewarm?

3. The Deception of Self-Sufficiency (v. 17)

How does wealth or self-reliance create a false sense of security?

4. The Illusion of Outward Prosperity Over Inner Character (v. 18a)

Jesus counsels them to buy gold refined by fire (spiritual riches), white garments (purity), and eye salve (true vision). What do these symbolize?

5. The Tragedy of Vision Without Conviction (v. 18b)

How does having knowledge of God's truth but failing to live it out affect our faith?

III. THE CALL TO REPENTANCE (Read Revelation 3:19-2)

6. The Loving Discipline of God (v. 19)

Why does Jesus rebuke and discipline those He loves?

7. The Urgent Invitation to Open Our Hearts (v. 20)

What does it mean that Jesus stands at the door and knocks?

8. The Promise of Reigning with Christ (v. 21)

What does it mean to overcome and be seated with Christ?

Closing Reflection & Prayer:

- What has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you through this discussion?
- Pray for renewed passion, dependence on God, and courage to live with conviction in our church.