

The Seven Churches 7 – The Church at Laodicea

Begin by reading through Revelation 3:14-22. Make a note of anything especially striking and of anything that you do not understand.

Exploring the church at Laodicea – Questions on the passage

Question 1 – In what 3 ways does Jesus describe himself ? (vs 14) What is the significance of these descriptions?

Question 2 – How does Jesus describe their deeds? What does He wish their deeds to be? (vs 15) What is Jesus response to their deeds? (vs 16)

Question 3 – How does their view of themselves differ from the reality? (vs 17)

Question 4 – What 3 things does Jesus counsel the church to buy? What will be the result of these purchases? (vs 18)

Question 5 – What do vs 19,20 reveal about Jesus attitude to this church? What is the church called upon to do?

Question 6- What is Jesus promise to those who overcome and why is it apt in this case? (vs21)

Try so sum up the situation in Laodicea in a single sentence.

‘He who has an ear, let him hear’ – Questions for Application

‘Perhaps none of the seven letters is more appropriate to the church at the beginning of the 21st century than this. It describes vividly the respectable, nominal, rather sentimental, skin-deep religiosity which is so widespread among us today.’ (John Stott) Do you agree?

This message, along with several others, calls for ‘repentance.’ Do we recognise sufficiently the place of repentance in the Christian life?

How can we encourage one another to live more zealous Christian lives?