



This is the seventh and final message in our series, entitled Shine: The Glory of Christ in the Church. This week, we listen as Christ addresses the church in Laodicea.

The Glory of Christ in the Church – Humility

Speaker: Bauer Evans

Text: Revelation 3:14-22

Main Point

Christ calls the self-sufficient church to be humble

Main Ideas

- * We must discern the danger of self-sufficiency
- * We must deepen our dependency upon Christ
- * We overcome our self-sufficiency with humble repentance

Quotes

“Part of what it means to be spiritually lukewarm is to be smug, complacent, satisfied with the spiritual status quo, at rest with one’s progress in the Christian life, with little or no self-awareness, little or no recognition that all is of God and His Christ. To be lukewarm is to live as if what you presently know and experience of Christ is enough. No need or desire to press in further. No need or desire to seek after God. Little or no longing to pray and fast. Little or no longing to break free from sin. Satisfied with the current depth of delight in the Spirit. Satisfied with the current extent of the knowledge of the Father. The Laodicean’s were content with life as it was and not in the least ashamed or hesitant to take full credit for what little they had achieved.” Sam Storms

“The price God requires is that faith in him that humbly concedes the one has nothing with which to bargain, nothing with which to trade, nothing with which to make so much as a meager down payment.” Sam Storms

Application Questions

1. Re-read Revelation 3:14-22.
2. Jesus uses vivid language to describe the church in Laodicea (vs. (15). What are some ways that a church or individual Christians can be lukewarm as understood by this passage?
3. Jesus rebukes the Laodicean’s for being self-sufficient (vs. 15-16) where might you be prone to self-sufficient works?
4. Jesus counsels the Laodicean’s to buy from him true riches (vs. 17-18) which of these riches do you want to buy? What do you have to buy them?
5. Jesus disciplines the Laodicean’s for their pride (vs. 19). How do you recognize God’s loving discipline in your life? Are you experiencing his ‘hemming in’ in any area of your life right now? How are you responding?

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6. Jesus patiently endures with those who have forgotten him (vs. 20). How does God's patience towards the Laodicean's encourage you with his steadfast love?

7. Jesus calls the Laodiceans to overcome self-sufficiency thru humble repentance (21-22)? Is God convicting you of an area of independence in your life? How are you responding?

8. Pray for one another, and our church that humility would mark our lives and we would shine for Christ

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