

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Church at Laodicea - Part II

Reference: **Revelation 3:14-22**

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ONE...the church at **Ephesus** "The **Loveless** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 2:1-7**

TWO...the church at **Smyrna** "The **Persecuted** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 2:8-11**

THREE...the church at **Pergamos** (Pergamum) "The **Compromised** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 2:12-17**

FOUR...the church at **Thyatira** "The **Corrupt** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 2:18-29**

FIVE... the church at **Sardis** "The **Dead** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 3:1-6**

SIX... the church at **Philadelphia** "The **Faithful** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 3:7-13**

SEVEN... the church at **Laodicea** "The **Lukewarm** Church"

Reference: **Revelation 3:14-22**

Reference: **II Corinthians 10:12** (see screen)

The particular standard that these people used to evaluate themselves, was themselves. Paul said that wasn't a smart thing to do. It is essential to use a standard that is _____ of ourselves in order to evaluate ourselves.

COUNSEL:

verse eighteen (see screen)

Three pieces of counsel that Jesus had for this church:

One was _____.

References: **I Peter 1:6-7**; **Revelation 2:9-10** (see screen)

Persecution _____ the church.

Question: How do we facilitate persecution?

Answer: **First, it doesn't mean** that we are to develop a _____ and solicit persecution onto ourselves.

Second, it does mean that we conduct ourselves so that some degree of persecution is _____.

Sir Isaac Newton's Third Law of Motion – "For every action there is an **equal** and **opposite** _____."

Pastor Larry's Law of Spiritual Motion: "For each spiritual action there is an **equal** and **opposite reaction** from _____."

Reference: **II Timothy 3:12** (see screen)

Two is _____.

verse eighteen continued (see screen)

Reference: **Revelation 19:7-8** (see screen)

This fine linen describes a Christian's sense of practical righteousness. It describes the **righteous deeds** that a Christian does.

Reference: **Matthew 10:42** (see screen)

Three is _____.

verse eighteen continued (see screen)

verse nineteen (see screen)

Reference: **Proverbs 27:6** (see screen)

CHALLENGE:

verses twenty-one and **twenty-two** (see screen)

Promise: The over-comer is going to _____ and _____ with Jesus Christ in the future millennial period.

verse twenty (see screen)

Two applications to this passage:

One is to the _____ as a whole.

Two is to the individual _____.

Reference: **Ephesians 3:17** (see screen)

This word "dine" in the original language refers to the last meal of the day. In ancient times eating was considered something sacred. The reasoning was what we eat becomes a part of us so if we eat together from the exact same meal then in a sense we become _____ with _____.

It is said that eating a meal together with someone also meant _____.