



THE CHURCH THAT MAKES JESUS SICK

REVELATION 3:14-22

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one of the other! So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

- Colossae had refreshing, cool mountain streams
- Hieropolis had healing, therapeutic hot springs
- Laodicea had putrid lukewarm water

What made Jesus sick was that Laodicea had lost its WITNESS as a spiritually invigorating faith community and a place of healing for the spiritually broken.

HOW TO MAKE JESUS SICK:

1. Attribute blessing to SELF-RELIANCE (vs. 17a)
2. Become a cultural SELL-OUT (vs. 17a)
3. Silently shelve the SAVIOR (vs. 20a)

THE REMEDY FOR SOUL SICKNESS – Ours, Not Jesus’

1. RECOGNIZE our desperate condition (vs. 17b)
2. REDISCOVER Jesus as our spiritual source (vs. 18)
3. REACQUAINT yourself with Jesus (vs. 20b)

1. What is your spiritual temperature? Why?
 - Invigoratingly cool
 - Therapeutically hot
 - Nauseatingly tepid
2. What is the spiritual temperature of you witness? Why?
 - Invigoratingly cool
 - Therapeutically hot
 - Nauseatingly tepid
3. Laodicea’s faith had become tepid due to a number of circumstances. Which can you most identify with?
 - They placed their trust in themselves and their accomplishment
 - They gave in to the seductive influences of the culture around them
 - They tucked Jesus away in a cozy corner while they continued to live life
4. Spiritual blindness to our own sinfulness can be the deadliest influence on our lives. Which spiritual failure(s) do you tend to turn a blind eye towards most often? How has not keeping an eye on that area of sin struggle hampered your spiritual growth?
5. Which places in your spiritual home do you find Jesus?
 - Locked outside the door
 - Talking thru the screendoor
 - In the entry with coat on
 - Visiting in the formal living room
 - Eating and talking around the dinner table