

sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: SQUIRRELS IN THE STEEPLE

TODAY'S SERMON: WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A COMPLACENT CHURCH

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 3:14-22 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)

FIVE THINGS THAT WILL KEEP YOU FROM COMPLACENCY

1 See the shocking truth about yourself.

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"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,
'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:14-16 (NKJV)
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BEFORE WE CAN SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES WE MUST FIRST SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

- Jesus is *the Amen*
- Jesus is *the Faithful and True Witness*
- Jesus is *the Beginning of the creation of God*

Question: Are you hot, cold, or lukewarm?

2 Admit your desperate need.

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Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—
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Revelation 3:17 (NKJV)

WE THINK WE MEET OUR NEEDS THROUGH:

- riches
- rules
- knowledge
- relationships
- achievement

Truth statement: You can have a saved soul and a lost life!

3 Go to Jesus to meet your desperate need.

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I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.
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Revelation 3:18 (NKJV)

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On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."
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John 7:37 (NKJV)

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And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."
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John 6:35 (NKJV)

When you see Jesus as the one who meets the basic needs of life, you will see Him as the one who meets your deepest needs.

JESUS' COUNSEL: *BUY FROM ME.*

- gold refined by fire
- white clothes to wear
- salve to cover your eyes

4 Respond as a deeply loved child.

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As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.
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Revelation 3:19 (NKJV)

- Punishment makes me want to run and hide.
- Discipline invites me to be part of a good family.

5 Continually open the door to Jesus.

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
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Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)

- Jesus is talking to Christians whose hearts have been closed to Him, but He's still knocking.
- If you open the door Jesus says, "I will come in."
- Allow Jesus into your life. Allow Jesus into your hopes and dreams; your relationships; your finances; your sexuality; your business. Allow Jesus into that place you have never let Him before.

JESUS' PROMISE:

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To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
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Revelation 3:21 (NKJV)