

LUKEWARM CHRISTIANS

The words of Jesus Christ, in the Book of The Revelation, to the Church of Laodicea, in pointing out their Spiritual condition, *"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 spew you out of My mouth (like vomit)"* (Revelation 3:15,16).

Suppose the Lord was looking at our Churches today, what would be His thoughts of us? Would He find the coldness of heart in our Worship Services, or would He find the hot fires of our devotion and our determination to carry out the Great Commission of reaching our world today?

When you consider His Words, just prior to his Crucifixion -- GO, BE WITNESSES, SO SEND I YOU -- we must examine our hearts and lives. Are we exhibiting the obedience He expects of us -- are we hot on the trail of the lost, are we taking every opportunity to tell others of the Salvation He died to give to each of us?

Lukewarm soup, tea or coffee is not very appealing -- it must be served either hot or cold, anything between these two points is not satisfying -- neither is anything between God's expectation for us and exactly what we are doing. We must be all out to make Him known, or flatly refuse to obey His commands.

Attending Church each week, closing your eyes when the Pastor prays, singing the appointed Hymns, putting money in the offering plate -- IS NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!

IT IS COMMITMENT and OBEDIENCE to the Word of God -- TOTAL SURRENDER to whatever God wants of us. Sharing the Good News of Salvation and Forgiveness of sin, purchased by Christ's death on the Cross, and His Victorious Resurrection -- VICTORY over the grave and the devil.

To be half-hearted about your relationship with Christ is to be a LUKEWARM CHRISTIAN and is in danger of being *"spewed out of the mouth of God."*

Christ gave His ALL on the Cross -- He took our place -- He paid our penalty -- He did it ALL for us, that we may live for Him and one day enjoy Eternity with Him in Heaven.

We should be HOT for Him -- or be COLD and indifferent knowing we're headed for hell and not being really troubled about it. To be lukewarm is to attempt to have one foot in the Church and the other in the world attempting to enjoy the best of both worlds -- and to loose it all in the end.

The Athlete gives his all to attain the trophy -- the Soldier gives his all to protect our freedom -- the Musician practices hour after hour to be able to perform properly when called on -- the Christian must give his all, to do his best for his Lord. None of these would ever achieve with a half-hearted attitude.

"Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

“Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

The famous old Hymn says, “Give of your Best to the Master . . . Give Him the Best that you have” -- may this be our theme for life.

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