

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“What Jesus Says To A Complacent Church” #9
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

What Jesus Says To A Complacent Church:

1. Examine The Honest Truth About Ourselves

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the **Amen**, the **faithful and true witness**, the **ruler of God's creation**." **Revelation 3:14 (NIV)**

"Whoever invokes a **blessing** in the land will do so by the **God of truth**; he who **takes an oath** in the land will swear by the **God of truth**. For the past **troubles** will be **forgotten and hidden** from my eyes." **Isaiah 65:16 (NIV)**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6 (NIV)**

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are **lukewarm**--neither hot nor cold--I am about to **spit you out** of my mouth." **Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)**

"**Search me**, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that **offends you**, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." **Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT2)**

Notes: _____

2. Admit My Desperate Need For God

"You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and **do not** need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are **wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked**." **Revelation 3:17 (NIV)**

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." **Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)**

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3. Receive What Jesus Offers

“I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can **cover your shameful nakedness**; and salve to put on your eyes, so you **can see**.” **Revelation 3:18 (NIV)**

Those **whom I love** I rebuke and discipline. **So be earnest, and repent**.
Revelation 3:19 (NIV)

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone **hears** my voice and **opens** the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to **sit with me** on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." **Revelation 3:20-22 (NIV)**

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➤ **How am I complacent in my faith?**

My next right step, I will:

- Repent from my complacency in faith
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- Share my story of faith
- Join our Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: What is your favorite cold drink? Hot drink?

If you could invite any famous person for dinner, whom would you ask? Why?

Review the Remember Verse “**Blessed** is the one who **reads** the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear** it and **take to heart** what is written in it, because the time is near.” **Revelation 1:3 (NIV)**

How has God blessed you so far in this study of God’s Word?

Read Revelation 3:14-22

What Jesus Says To A Complacent Church:

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Read Revelation 3:14-16

How does Jesus describe himself to the Laodiceans?

What do these titles mean?

What does the faithful and true witness see when He looks at the Laodiceans?

Read Isaiah 65:16

How does God describe himself? Why is it important for us to understand that He is the God of Truth?

John 14:6

What did Jesus do to prove He is the Way, Truth and Life for us to go to heaven?

Read Psalm 139:23-24

What is so daring about using this as a personal prayer?

2. Admit My Desperate Need For God

Read Revelation 3:17

How do the people view themselves?

How does Jesus view them?

Why is there such a contrast?

Galatians 6:7-8

Describe the law of the harvest?

What kind of seeds have you been planting lately?

3. Receive What Jesus Offers

Read Revelation 3:18-19

What does Jesus tell them to do?

What does Jesus say about true wealth?

Why is true discipline always connected to love?

Where is Jesus?

What is his invitation?

If Jesus took your spiritual temperature today, what would he find?

How am I complacent in my faith?

Close in Prayer: _____

Life Application Study Bible.

3:18 Laodicea was known for its great wealth; Christ told the Laodiceans to buy their gold from him (real spiritual treasures). The city was proud of its cloth and dyeing industries; Christ told them to buy white garments from him (his righteousness). Laodicea prided itself on its precious eye ointment that healed many eye problems; Christ told them to buy ointment for their eyes so they could see the truth ([John 9:39](#)). Christ was showing the Laodiceans that true value was not in material possessions but in a right relationship with God. Their possessions and achievements were valueless compared with the everlasting future of Christ's Kingdom.

3:19 God would discipline this lukewarm church unless it turned from its indifference toward him. God's purpose in discipline is not to punish but to bring people back to him. Are you lukewarm in your devotion to God? God may discipline you to help you out of your uncaring attitude, but he uses only loving discipline. You can avoid God's discipline by drawing near to him again through confession, service, worship, and studying his Word. Just as the spark of love can be rekindled in marriage, so the Holy Spirit can re-ignite our zeal for God when we allow him to work in our heart.