

The Laodicea Church discovered in western Turkey

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"An ancient church mentioned in the Bible, the Laodicea Church, has been discovered in western Turkey, according to the head of the excavation team Professor Celal Şimşek. Şimşek said the church from the fourth century A.D. was found by underground radar search, a system they have tried this year for the first time. The major part of the church, which is built on an area of 2,000 square meters, has kept its original [status]." ([Daily News, 4 February 2011](#))

This is an interesting archaeological story consistent with the New Testament scriptures. I have copied below the famous passage from Revelations 3:14-22. Reading it now is like a judgement pronouncement on today's Christians: neither hot nor cold, beguiled by Satan to accepting the doctrines of men, spiritually impoverished and impotent through unrighteousness. We need to meditate on these verses and set our face to truly seeking God's will.

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

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Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

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