



**Laodicea in Phrygia:** Laodicea was located in the Lycus valley of southwest Phrygia in Asia Minor. This figure shows some of the ancient ruins of the marketplace called the agora at Laodicea.



Some of the **water piping** in one of the main streets. The hot springs to the north at Hierapolis and cold water at Colossae may be the background to the vivid metaphor for the church at Laodicea being called "**lukewarm**" due to its **lack of spiritual fervor**.

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church  
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## **Sermon Outline**

### **The Lord Commends And Rebukes Trouble In Seven Of His Selected Churches!" Pt. 7**

*- Revelation 3:14 - 22*

*(The Lord Rebukes Laodicea)*

- I. THE LORD ADDRESSES LAODICEA, v-14
  - A. The Leader, v-14a
  - B. The Lord Identifies Himself As, v-14b
    1. The Amen, Cf. Isa. 65:16 "Truth" -Heb -affirmation, certainty, 2 Cor. 1:20; Jn. 14:6
    2. As The Faithful and True Witness
    3. The Origin of the Creation of God, Jn. 1:3; Heb. 1:2; Col. 1:15-17
  - C. He Tells Them That He Knows Their Deeds, v-15
 

--A Merely Professed Church doing deeds

    1. They are neither cold or hot
      - a. Not against Christ --**cold**
      - b. Not on fire for Christ --**hot**
    2. He wishes they were one or the other
      - a. Cold, so He could send some one like Paul, Acts 26:18
      - b. Hot, so He could fan their zeal for Him to greater commitment
  - D. He Told Them They Are Lukewarm, v-16
    1. Their Real Spiritual condition!
    2. Lukewarm like the piped water from their underground aqueduct --dirty, lukewarm