Church Sub Theme for 2019-22: "What's The Church Supposed To Be Like?!" (Problems in the Church)

Sunday, February 12, 2023 Sermon Outline

- 3. By the time it reached them it was lukewarm
- 4. They were mere professors, they didn't really know Christ, Mt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46
- E. Therefore Christ Would Spit Them Out Of His Mouth (Vomit them out), v-Rev. 3:16b
 - --They were a church with a false view of Christ, --believing He was a created being. --Can't be saved with a false view of Christ!
- II. THEY WERE SELF DECEIVED, v-17
 - A. They Thought They Were Spiritually Okay, v-17a
 - They thought that their material wealth meant God was blessing them and they were in His favor. -Their city was rich.
 - 2. They thought they needed nothing.
 - B. They Didn't Know Their True Spiritual State Before God, v-17b
 - 1. They were spiritually wretched
 - 2. They were spiritually **miserable**
 - 3. They were spiritually **poor**
 - 4. They were spiritually blind
 - 5. They were spiritually naked
 - --An Unregenerate Church
- III. THE LORD OFFERS THEM GENUINE SALVATION v-18, 19
 - A. The Real Riches, v-18a
 - 1. The best gold --refined by fire

- 2. White garments that genuine believers receive from God, v-18b, Rev. 3:5; 4:4; 7:9, 13, 14
 - --Had a famous black wool
- 3. Spiritual eye salve, Cf. Acts 26:18
 - --Would see their real spiritual state
 - --Had a medical school known for it eye salve
- B. They Needed To Respond To His Love, v-19
 - 1. God does love lost mankind, Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4
 - 2. God reproves (exposes, convicts) the lost of sin
 - 3. The N. T. call to salvation always includes repentance (guilty sinners) -Rom. 3:23
- IV. THE LORD GRACIOUSLY ASKS THE CHURCH TO ALLOW HIM TO COME IN (The Picture)
 - A. He Calls For People In The Church To Let Him In, v-20a
 - B. He Tells Them He Will Receive Them, v-20b; Cf. Jn. 6:37 --fellowship, communion
- V. CHRIST PROMISES THE OVERCOMERS THEY THEY WILL REIGN WITH HIM, v-21; Cf. Rev.20:6
- VI. AGAIN THE LORD ENCOURAGES THE CHURCH TO HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCHES, v-22
 - --We must call the Lost in the Apostate Church to repent and receive Christ's Salvation.