

May 23, 2010

Celebration Service
Sunday 8:45 am

Pastor Eric Wakeling



The Foolish Church { Laodicea } Revelation 3:14-22

I. **Laodicea Background:**

- Laodicea was one of a triad of cities (with Colossae and Hierapolis)
- Hierapolis - known for its hot springs with significant healing qualities
- Colossae - known for its cold, pure drinking water.
- Laodicea had no natural water source. Aqueducts brought the water in from miles away.
- This city was famous for three things:
 1. Finance - strategic banking center
 2. Black Wool - highly sought after wool was woven into clothes and carpets
 3. Eye Salve - temple of the Phrygian god, Men Karou, had a medical school that was famous for an eye salve they exported all over the Greco-Roman world.

II. **The Problem** - Revelation 3:15-17

III. **The Command** - Revelation 3:18-19

- A. Buy gold refined by fire so that you may become rich - attacks the financial strength of the city.
1 Peter 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:18-19.
- B. Buy white garments so that you may clothe yourself and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed - attacks the famed black wool.
Isaiah 64:6; Zechariah 3:3-4; Revelation 3:4-5; 4:4; 6:11; 7:13-14; 19:8.
- C. Buy eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see - attacks the medical, eye salve industry.
John 9:39

IV. **The Hope** - Revelation 3:20-22



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