



May 23, 2010

Elevation Service
Sunday 10:45 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

Response at the Stations

COMMUNION - This Sunday communion is available around the room at several stations. Take the elements of the bread and the cup in remembrance of what Christ has done for you.

GIVING - We encourage you and your family to bring your offering, as your prayerful gift of worship to God, to the containers located at the stations. Offering envelopes are available in the chair racks for your use.

PRAYER - After the message, there will be prayer counselors in the Prayer Booth, located on the far right side of the auditorium, to pray with you this morning.



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