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Topic: Studies in Revelation: The Worthless Church

Scripture text: Revelation 3:14-22

1. The number of churches and the size of churches have grown exponentially over the years. However, many churches have become man-centered rather than God-centered. They are larger and richer but God is not glorified. They are not being a light for Christ and they are worthless in the sight of God.

2. The church in Laodicea is described as lukewarm, which is useless. Even though it was a prosperous trade city and they had no lack of physical things, they were worthless to God. They were so blind and backslidden that they could not see their worthlessness. They thought they were self-sufficient because they had everything, and therefore did not rely on God. They placed their confidence in material things.

3. The church was actually in a poor and miserable state even if they appear healthy and well in the eyes of the world. Christ is gentle and firm in counselling the church to repent. They must have genuine spirituality by seeking God. They must pursue purity and true salvation. They must seek discernment to know good and evil. We must learn from this example and examine ourselves. Christ is lovingly and patiently knocking on the door for us to respond. We must quickly repent and receive Him, and enjoy fellowship with Him.