

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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*“For by GRACE you have been saved THROUGH faith.  
And this is NOT your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a  
result of works, so that no one may boast....”*

– from Ephesians 2

## Specific grace



Job 31:4 NLT

“God sees **everything** I do, and every step I take.”

1 Peter 1:2 NLT+

“...and the Holy Spirit has been at work in your hearts, cleansing you with the blood of Jesus the Christ, **enabling** you to please Him...”

*Laodicea was a city of close to 100,000 people, about 100 miles east of **Ephesus**, in western Turkey, and area then called Asia (or Asia Minor).*

*They were a **wealthy** city, with a thriving **agricultural and textile/dyes industry** (cotton and wool), a noted **medical center, specializing in eye treatments**, and many financial and **banking institutions**.*

*Water supply was an issue....no springs in the city itself, but there were a couple springs 5 miles to the south. There was a river a couple miles to the north, as well as famous hot springs at Hieropolis, but these waters were full of minerals, that could make a person vomit. Colossae could be seen about 12 miles to the southwest. Laodicea had **sophisticated water system**, comprised of channels, underground pipes, reservoirs and fountains.*

*The burial site of the disciple **John** can be seen in Ephesus, and John wrote about Laodicea in Revelation. **Peter's** first letter is to Christians in Asia, and **Paul's** student Epaphras is believed to have started the church in Colossae. Paul also mentions having written a letter specific to Laodicea in Colossians 4:16.*

Revelation 3:15-19 AMP / VOICE

“I know your deeds, that you are neither **cold** (invigorating, refreshing) nor **hot** (healing, therapeutic); it would be better if you were one or the other, but you are neither. So because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

You claim, ‘I am rich, I have accumulated riches, and I need nothing’; but you do not realize that you are **miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked**. So here is what I suggest you do: **buy** true gold from Me (gold refined by fire so that you can be truly rich), white garments (to cover you so that you can keep the shame of your nakedness from showing), and eye ointment (to treat your eyes so that you may see clearly).”

Colossians 1:20b-22 NLT

“He made **peace** with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil **thoughts** and **actions**. Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and **blameless** as you stand before Him without a single fault.”

Job 40:2b, 42:1-2 NLT

(God) “You are God’s critic, but do you have the **answers?**...” (Job) “I know that You can do **anything**, and no one can stop You.”