

## The Selfie Church

### Revelation 3:14-22

Who is the hardest person to win to Christ?

I'm pretty sure churches like Laodicea have worship services designed to please.....

Laodicea was located about 46 miles southeast of Philadelphia. It had two sister cities, Hieropolis and Colosse. While Laodicea was virtually impossible from the perspective of location, their water supply made it easy to do so. They specialized in making black wool and eye salve. They were wealthy enough that when the city was devastated by an earthquake, they declined help from Rome.

#### I. The Commission

Jesus identifies Himself: He is The Amen. He is The Faithful and Genuine Witness. He is the Source of the creation of God.

Laodicea had no redeeming value as a church.....

#### II. The Condemnation

He knew their deeds: they were neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_.

Spiritual vibrant, \_\_\_\_\_, believers reveal a sense of God's Spirit and an awareness of the lost around them. These people there had not rejected the gospel nor were they passionate about it either. They attended worship but were just going through the mundane motions. They had become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. They perceived they needed nothing from God.

Does your life make Jesus nauseated?

They were poor, blind, naked....

#### III. The Confrontation

Jesus advised them to buy something from Him they thought they already had. They had to realize they were spiritually \_\_\_\_\_. Being aware of that fact required this church to come to Him on His terms.

He calls on them to buy gold, refined by fire from Him.

He instructed them to buy white garments....

He instructed them to buy eye salve and anoint their eyes.

The saddest image we could read is found in verse 20. Imagine the LORD of the church, outside the doors, knocking to be let in!

He desires to eat the \_\_\_\_\_ meal with them.

#### IV. The Challenge

The Overcomer is one who simply is a follower of Christ.