

# THE 7 SEVEN

**Week 7 – Revelation 3:14-22**

# **“How Is it that I keep on fire?”**

## **1. You See The Shocking Truth About Yourself.**

**Jesus says *“To the angel of the church of Laodicea write, ‘These are the words of the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds that you’re neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were one or the other. So because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold I’m about to spit you out of My mouth.*”**

***You say ‘I am rich, I’ve acquired wealth, I don’t need a thing.’ But you don’t realize you’re wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you buy from Me gold refined in the fires so you can become rich and white clothes to wear so you can cover your shameful nakedness, salve to put on your eyes so you can see.”***

***– Revelation 3:14-18***

# **Three things about Jesus**

**1. “I am the Amen. That’s who I am”.**

**Amen – so be it.**

**So be it – Yes.**

**Jesus is worthy of my time.**

**All the promises of  
God are Yes in Jesus.**

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# **Three things about Jesus**

**2. I'm the faithful  
and true witness.**

**Jesus is worthy of my trust.**

# **Three things about Jesus**

**3. He's the ruler.**

**Jesus is worthy of my worship.**

***“Because you’re  
neither cold nor hot  
but lukewarm, I’m  
going to spit you  
out of My mouth.***

***– Revelation 3:16***

***“It’s when we’re generally  
successful, highly  
motivated, reasonably  
happy people for whom the  
church and faith become  
one more piece of the  
puzzle to success.”***

***Jesus says...***

***“I want you hot for Me.  
Not lukewarm but on fire.  
I don't want you cold but if  
you're cold I can help you  
see it so that I can heat up  
the spiritual temperature  
of your life.”***

***“Why is it new Christians  
always create problems  
in the church?”***

***“They don’t create  
problems. They reveal  
them.” - Warren Wiersbe***

***God says...***

***“I can change that. I can  
change the spiritual  
temperature of your life.”***

# Three indicators you're lukewarm –

**You're lukewarm when  
you can look at yourself  
and say,**

**1. “I’ve cooled off.”**

**Three indicators you're lukewarm –**

**You're lukewarm when  
you can look at yourself  
and say,**

**2. I've compromised.**

**Three indicators you're lukewarm –**

**You're lukewarm when  
you can look at yourself  
and say,**

**3. I don't care.**

**When I keep my life plugged  
in to Jesus Christ, that's  
where the heat comes from  
– my relationship with Him.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> law of thermodynamics reminds us that a closed system eventually moderates so that no more energy is being produced in that system.**

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## **2. Admit Your Desperate Need.**

**Jesus said to them...**

***“You think you’re rich, you think you’ve got it made, you think you can take care of yourself. But you’re wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.”***

**– Revelation 3:17**

**How do we think we meet our needs?**

**1. Riches –  
what we acquire.**

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**How do we think we meet our needs?**

**3. Knowledge –  
how we inquire.**

**How do we think we meet our needs?**

**4. Relationships –  
who we desire.**



**How do we think we meet our needs?**

**5. Achievement –  
how we aspire.**

**The truth is, no matter  
how well we acquire and  
require and inquire and  
desire and aspire, the  
end of it is all of us  
are going to expire.**

***Jesus says...***

***“I see it. You’re going to need to trust Me on this one. Even though you don’t see it perfectly you have this desperate need for God.”***

***“You can have a saved  
soul and a lost life.”***

***– A Famous Bible Commentator***

**“How is it that I keep on fire?”**

**3. Go To Jesus Alone To Meet  
Your Deepest Needs.**

**Jesus said to them...**

***“Buy from Me, gold that’s refined  
in the fire.”*** – Revelation 3:18

***“I’m the one who meets the needs.”***

***“Come to Me all you who are weary  
and burdened and I will give you rest.”  
– Matthew 11:28***

***“Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,  
‘If anyone is thirsty let him come to  
Me and drink.’” – John 7:37***

***“Jesus replied, ‘I am the bread of life.  
No one who comes to Me will ever be  
hungry.’” – John 6:35***

***“I counsel you to  
buy from Me.”***

***– Revelation 3:18***

***“He’s the great God of the immense unfathomable universe. He has countless galaxies of stars at His fingertips. The heaven and the heaven of heaven can’t contain Him. He’s the creator and sustainer of all things. He has the right to issue orders for us to obey. Yet He prefers to give advice which we may not heed. He could command but He chooses to counsel. I counsel you, I give you this advise, Jesus said.”***

***– John Stott***

***“I counsel you  
to buy from Me.”***

***– Revelation 3:18***

***“Buy from Me gold refined by  
the fire. Buy from Me white  
clothes to wear. Buy from Me  
salve to cover your eyes.”***

***– Revelation 3:18***

***Gold refined by the fire -  
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Faith.***

***White clothes to wear –  
Purity.***



***Salve to cover your eyes –  
Wisdom.***

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***“I want you to be rich  
with spiritual values. I  
want you to be clothed in  
spiritual virtue. I want  
you to be seeing with  
spiritual vision.”***

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**4. Respond As A  
Deeply Loved Child.**

***Jesus says...***

***“Those whom I love  
I rebuke and  
discipline so be  
earnest and repent.”***

***“I know it hurts for Me to say these things to you. But I need to say these things to you because I love you. And those whom I love I discipline.”***



***“I want you to continually  
open the door to Me.”***

***– Revelation 3:20***

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**5. Continually Open  
The Door To Jesus.**

***“Look! I am standing at the door and I’m constantly knocking. If anyone opens the door I will come in and I’ll fellowship with him, I’ll relate to him, I’ll dine with him and he’ll fellowship with Me.” – Revelation 3:20***

***“Look! I’m standing at  
the door of your heart  
and knocking. If you  
hear the knock  
I’ll come in.”***

**He just keeps knocking –**

- **patiently**
- **lovingly**
- **vulnerably**

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***“If you open the door I  
will come in.”***

***“I will fellowship with you  
and you with Me.”***