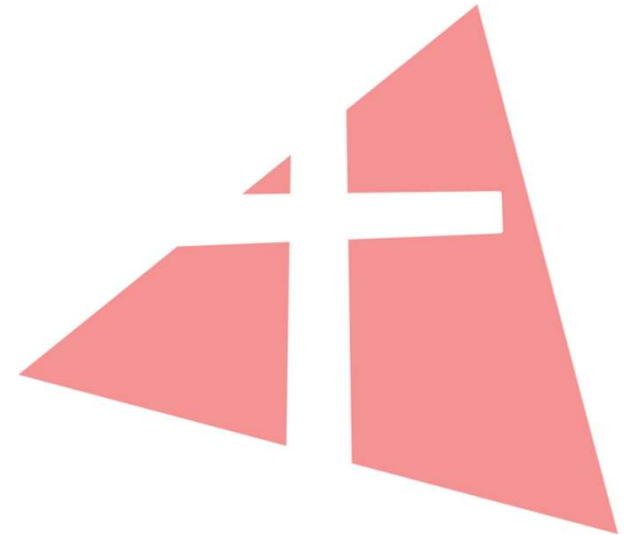


JESUS' LETTER TO LAODICEA

August 25th 2019



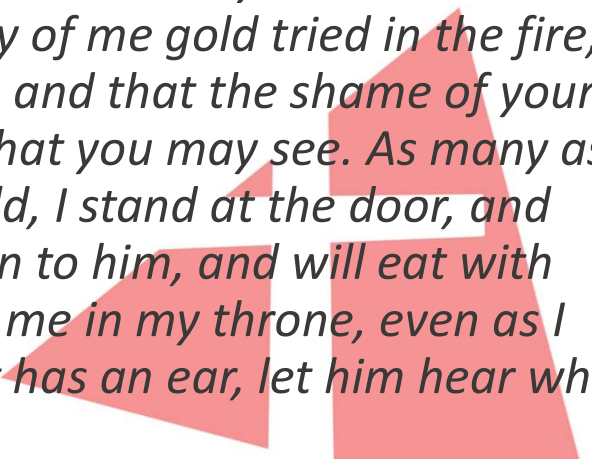
LAST SERMONS

- **Jesus wrote seven letters**
- **Each letter consisted of three parts**
 - Jesus introduced Himself
 - Jesus communicated the real condition of the church
 - Jesus encouraged the church



THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA

Revelation 3:14-22 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would that you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will eat with him, and he with me. To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.



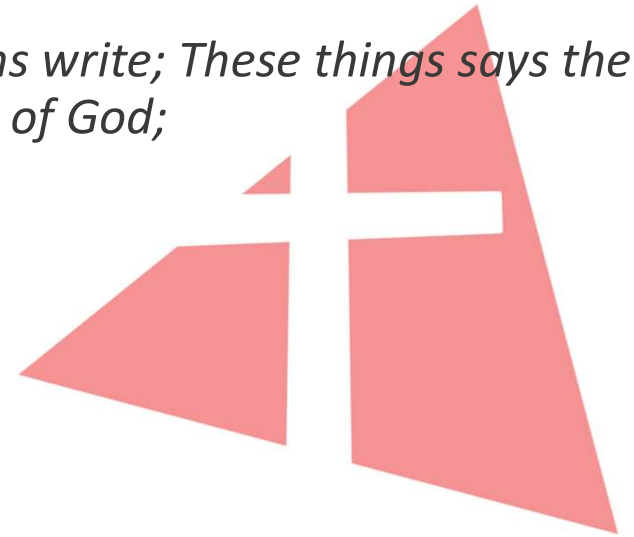
AN IMPORTANT DETAIL

- **Jesus is writing to those who call themselves Christians**
- **Today's message applies to those who call themselves Christians**
 - The message might not yet apply to those who currently explore Christianity
 - But it will eventually



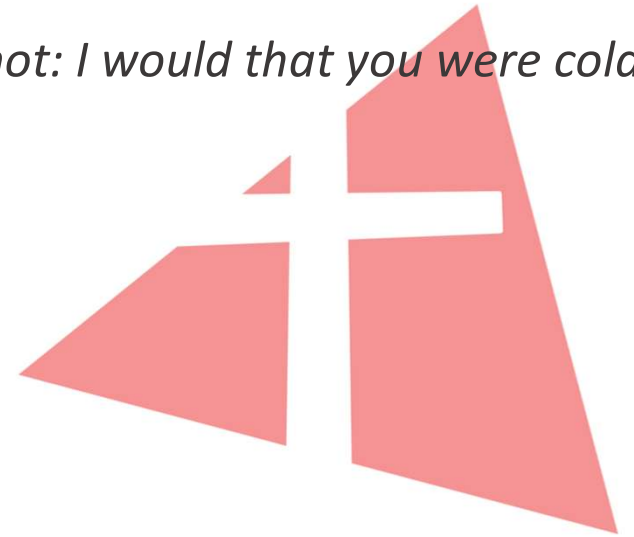
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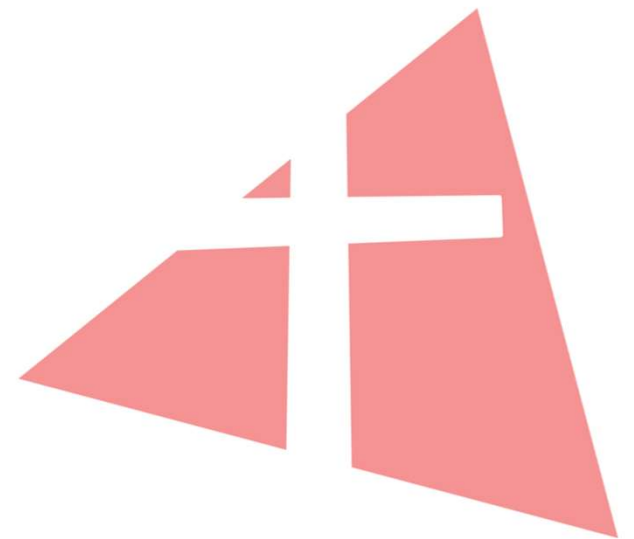
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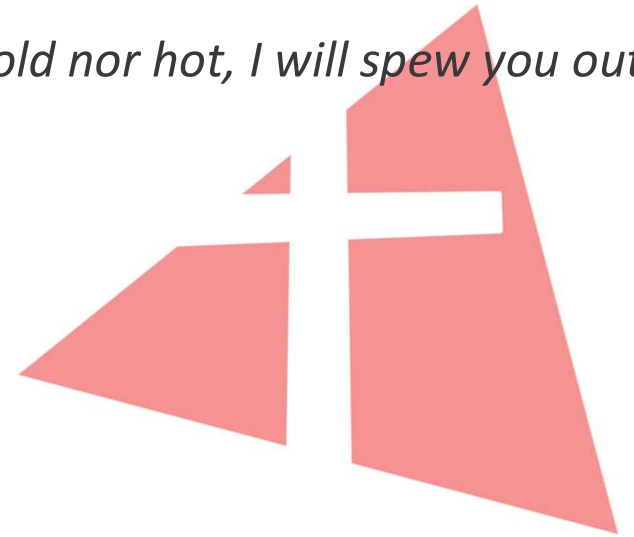
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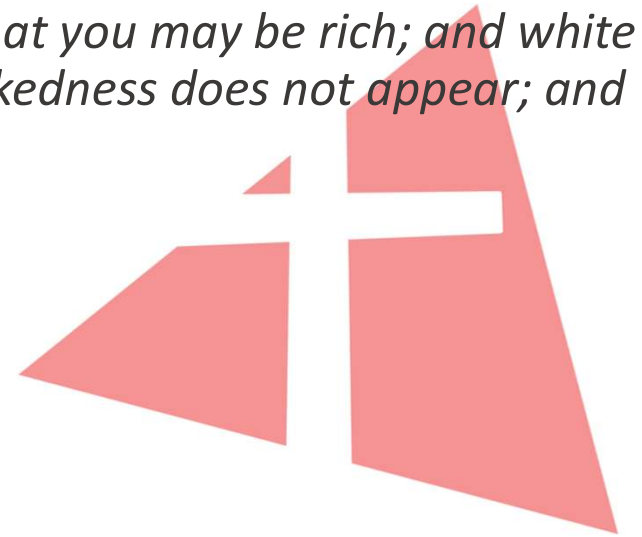
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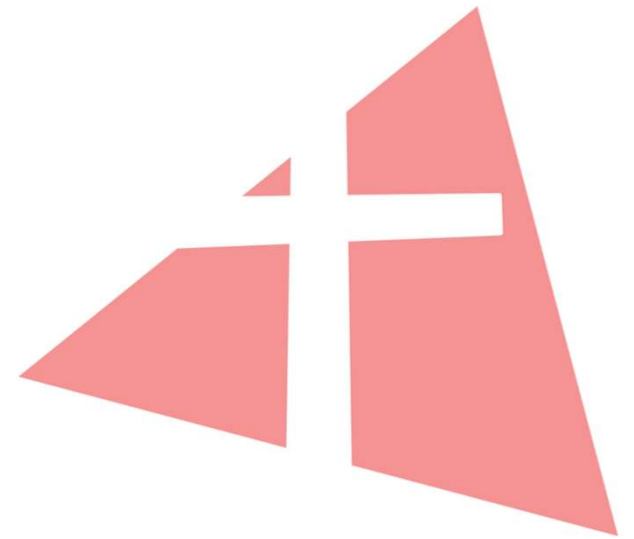
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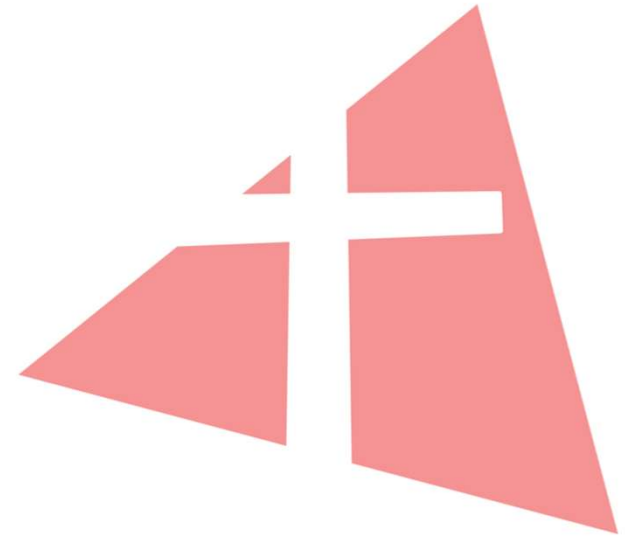
○ We tend to become lukewarm too

- Affected by this world
- Not giving Jesus all of our lives
- Having other things in our hearts that compete with Jesus
- ...



APPLICATION

- **Remind ourselves who Jesus is**
 - Creation
 - History
 - Personally



APPLICATION

- **Never use “worldly success” as a measurement of how we are doing spiritually**



APPLICATION

- Be aware that “worldly success and goods” can be a major cause for being lukewarm



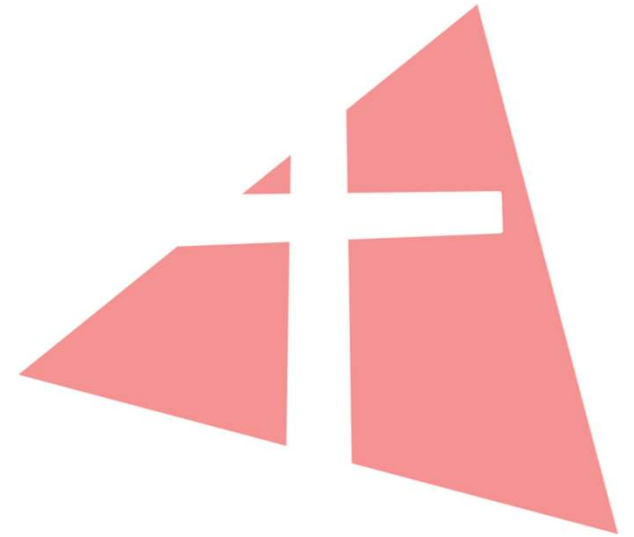
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- Examine our works



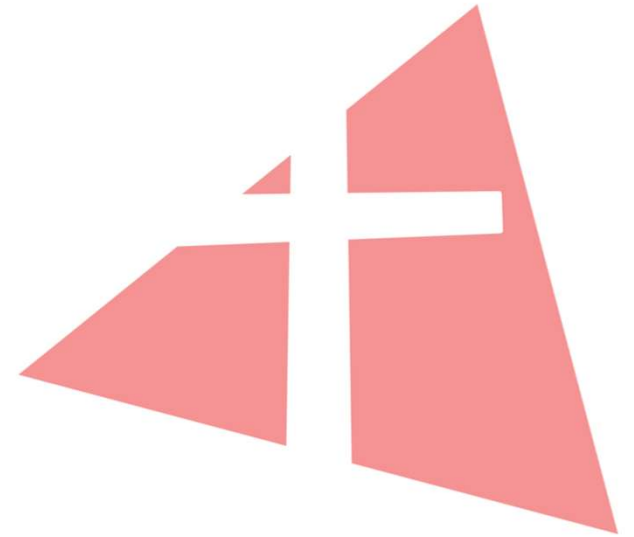
APPLICATION

- **Be honest: What is my ultimate aim in life?**



APPLICATION

- How do I see and respond to God's correction?



IN CONCLUSION

- **All of us tend to be lukewarm**
- **Let's allow Jesus to make us hot again**
 - Allow Him to rebuke us
 - Take it as an encouragement (not punishment)
 - Respond

