

REVIEW

**Jesus Christ is the Amen, the faithful and true witness.**

**Jesus Christ is both the creator of all things, and the ruler over all things.**

So, what He says to the congregation is undoubtedly true.

What He says to the congregation, He has every right to say.

TEXT

Revelation 3:15-16 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

LESSON

**thou art neither cold**

Knollys (as also Poole): no profession...of Christ  
or an outright apostasy

**thou art neither...hot**

Knollys:

zeal, life, grace, faith, etc. and the zealous, lively, fervent acts and exercise thereof

Poole:

zeal...for the faith, or in love to God, seen in keeping His commandments

## **thou art lukewarm**

G5513 *chliaros*

VUL *tepidus* from *tepere*

our English word “tepid,” always given in definition of “lukewarm”

WYC: *lew* (SVV: *lauw*)

Old English ---> Middle English

*lew* used to mean to warm by sheltering from the wind

*lee* a place sheltered from the wind

this passed into nautical terminology e.g. *alee*, *leeward*

TYN: *bitwene bothe*

GEN, BB: *luke warme*

KJV: *lukewarm*

Not dead, as the previous congregation.

-so the things received and heard had not been lost

-but the things received and heard were being done without heat

making a profession; being baptized

attending worship, at least on a minimal basis

doing the means of grace: prayer, singing, preaching/teaching scriptures,

observance of ordinances

not denying the gospel or other theological orthodoxy

but engaging in these things with little zeal or fervency

to the Lord Jesus, who knows the truth, not sincere in the practice of Christianity

**Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.**

G2206 *zeloo* from G2205 *zelos* properly heat; zeal

Webster, to define “zeal,” uses

- “ardor” and
- “eagerness”

Webster: “enthusiasm”

1. A belief or conceit of private revelation; the vain confidence or opinion of a person, that he has special divine communications from the Supreme Being, or familiar intercourse with him.
2. Heat of imagination; violent passion or excitement of the mind, in pursuit of some object, inspiring extravagant hope and confidence of success. Hence the same heat of imagination, chastised by reason or experience, becomes a noble passion, an elevated fancy, a warm imagination, an ardent zeal, that forms sublime ideas, and prompts to the ardent pursuit of laudable objects. Such is the enthusiasm of the poet, the orator, the painter and the sculptor. Such is the enthusiasm of the patriot, the hero and the christian.

John 2:13-17

Colossians 4:12-13

1 Corinthians 14:1, 39

2 Corinthians 7:7-11

2 Corinthians 9:1-1

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

Revelation 3

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to **sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.