

The Seven Letters: The Church in Laodicea Revelation 3:14–22

Who Is Jesus (3:14)?

“Jesus Christ the faithful witness.” (Revelation 1:5)

“These words are faithful and true.” (Revelation 22:5–6)

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)

“The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:20)

“Jesus Christ...the firstborn of the dead.” (Revelation 1:5)

“He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.” (Colossians 1:18)

Jesus is disgusted with self-reliance (2:15–17).

“But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.” (Galatians 6:4–5)

“And to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.” (1 Thessalonians 4:11–12)

“For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

Jesus counsels reliance on him (3:18–19).

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

“My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.” (Proverbs 3:11–12)

“For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)

Jesus shares himself and his victory with those who rely on him (3:20–22).

“After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (Hebrews 1:3)

