EXTRA! EXTRA! JESUS REBUKES LUKEWARM CHRISTIANS AND CALLS THEM TO REPENT AND BECOME ZEALOUS.

REVELATION 3:14-22.

REVELATION 3:17-19

¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

I. JESUS DOES NOT WANT US TO BE LUKEWARM CHRISTIANS VV. 14-17.

¹⁴ "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. ¹⁵ "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Jesus saves us on purpose for a purpose that is bigger than us.

II. JESUS IS THE CURE FOR LUKEWARM CHRISTIANITY VV. 18-19

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Repent of lukewarm Christianity. Be <u>zealous</u>!

III. JESUS PROMISES WARM FELLOWSHIP WITH THOSE WHO RECEIVE HIM V. 20

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.

 Table fellowship over a meal is <u>warm</u> relationship with food, laughter, and joy.



III. JESUS PROMISES TO REWARD CHRISTIANS WHO OVERCOME THE DECEPTION OF PRIDE VV. 21-22.

²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

Good works are a part of a Christian testimony.