

# Agape Life

## Gospel Project Bible Study

December 11, 2022

**Revelation 3**

**Living in Laodicea**

**Living in the USA**

Volume 12 - Unit 36 – Session 2

The Redeemer Calls His People Toward Renewal

# The 7 Churches of Revelation



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Ephesus (2:1-7)

Good News

You are Gung-holier-than-thou

Bad News

You have forgotten your first love.

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Smyrna (2:8-11)

Good News

You have endured persecution.

Bad News

It's going to get worse.

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Pergamum (2:12-17)

Good News

You have remained faithful.

Bad News

You're listening to the wrong people.

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Ephesus

Island of Patmos

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Thyatira (2:18-29)

Good News

You keep getting better and better.

Bad News

The Slut Jezebel



Thyatira



Sardis



Philadelphia



Laodicea



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Sardis (3:1-6)

Good News

You look alive.

Bad News

You're dead.

Island of Patmos

Ephesus

Smyrna

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea



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Philadelphia (3:7-13)

Good News

You have followed  
and honored Me.

Bad News



I got nothin'.  
(Go Eagles)



# The 7 Churches of Revelation

Laodicea (3:14-22)

Good News



I got nothin'.

Bad News

You make me sick.  
Yuck!

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea



# Point 1:

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**Put yourself seated  
with the  
Laodicea congregation  
as they gather for a reading  
of this letter from John.**

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**Some possible responses when they were faced with their sin. . .**

**It may be true, but he doesn't have to grieve about it.  
Every other church has problems, too.  
He doesn't know what we're dealing with here.  
Moderation is the key. We don't want to be fanatics.  
We're doing fine. We're really not that bad.  
At least there's money in the bank.**

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## It's time to choose:

Are you going to keep on living as a mealy-mouth, wishy-washy, namby-pamby, lily-livered, yellow-bellied, watered-down Christian or are you going to live boldly for the victorious Christ?

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Next Week

December 18, 2022

# Christmas Bible Study