

Behold, I Stand at the Door

Revelation 3:14–22

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Observation: What does the text say?

- **v.14:** Christ identifies Himself as **the Amen, Faithful and True Witness, and Beginning of God’s Creation.**
- **vv.15–16:** He speaks to the church: “*You are neither hot nor cold.*” Lukewarm: (G5513, *χλιαρός*) appears only once in all of Scripture.
- **v.17:** Two diagnoses.
Their perception: “*I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.*”
Christ’s reality: “*Wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*” They did not realize their need for God.
- **v.18:** Christ counsels three things: **gold refined by fire, white garments, and eye salve.**
- **v.20:** “*Behold, I stand at the door and knock.*” Spoken to a **church.** Christ is outside His own people.
- **v.21:** The greatest promise of all seven churches: to sit with Christ on His throne.

Scriptures: Rev 3:14–22; Isa 55:1–3; 1 Cor 2:14; Luke 15:11–32; Matt 21:28–31; Ps 139:23

Interpretation: What does it mean?

Lukewarm means not recognizing your need for Christ

- Hot and cold both know where they stand. Lukewarm (believer or unbeliever) thinks they are fine.
- The prodigal son was cold and knew it. The older brother was home but never truly inside. Both needed the father.

Luke 15:17, 25–30; Matt 21:28–31

True wealth is spiritual, not physical

- You can be materially rich and spiritually wretched simultaneously. v.17 proves it.
- God's abundance is not health and wealth. It is transformation, salvation, and discernment.

Isa 55:1–3; Rev 3:18

Christ is knocking. Receive Him before it is too late

- This is the final letter to the final church. The door is still open, but neglect closes it by default.
- The promise of the throne is for those who overcome.

Rev 3:20–21

Application: How should we live?

Recognize your need for Christ

- Stop measuring your spiritual life by material standards. Ask God to search you.

Ps 139:23; Rev 3:17

Open the door to Him

- For the unbeliever: this is your personal invitation.
- For the believer who has drifted: zealous, continuous repentance. - *Rev 3:20*

Receive and share God's abundance

- Receive the gold, white garments, and life Christ offers; then share it. Who will hear hope from you this week?

Rev 3:18; Isa 55:1–3