# <u>Title</u>: The Church of My Preference: The Luke Warm Church The Unregenerate Church

**Text**: (Rev 3:14-22)

Picturing the Modern Church age up to Rapture. Characterized by the Parable of the Dragnet:

(Matt 13:47-50)

(Col 2:1) Sister Church of Colossi

(Col 4:13-16) Swap letters with Laodicea

#### **Christ Characterizes Himself: (3:14)**

(Rev 3:14) "The Amen" - So Be It!

(Rev 3:14) "The Faithful & True Witness"

(Rev 3:14) "The beginning of the creation of God;"

#### **Christ Condemns the Church:**

(Rev 3:15) I know thy works, (God's Omniscience)

**They are an Indifferent Church:** (Rev 3:15)

They are Contrary to God's Desire: (Rev 3:15-18)

(1 John 4:3)

(1 John 2:22-23)

## Oblivious to their true spiritual condition Oblivious to the Swift Destruction that is Coming

(1 Thes 5:3)(1 Cor 10:12)(Prov 16:18)

(1 Cor 15:19)(2 Cor 8:9)(2 Cor 4:3-4)(Jn 9:39-41)

They were Blind to their True Condition: Sin/Need They were refusing the Light: (Jn 1:4; Jn 3:19; Jn 5:40)

### **Christ Counsels the Church:** (Rev 3:18)

God has everything we need, & is Ready to Supply us with it:

(Is 55:1-3)(1 Pet 4:12)

(Is 64:6) Our Righteousness is Filthy Rags

(Is 1:18) God will cloth us in His Righteousness.

(Rom 3:22) Imputed Righteousness

You were once Blind, but now you see: (Eph 1:18)

(Rev 3:19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:

God Loves the World (Jn 3:16)

No Love = No Rebuke (Prov 3:11-12)

No Chastening = No Sonship (Heb 12:6,8)

**Christ Challenges the Church:** (Rev 3:20)

Many apply this to the heart of a sinner.

<u>Direct Interpretation is Christ speaking to a church.</u> (Rev 3:20)

If Christ be not God, then we are all lost! (1 Cor 12:12-18)

**Christ Promises Victory:** (Rev 3:21)

(1 Jn 5:4-5) Another Reference to their Lost State.

**Our Position is Christ:** (Eph 2:6-7)(Rev 20:6)

**How does this apply to us today:** (Rev 3:22)