

# The Eye Salve of the Spirit

## Revelation 3:14-22

Vss. 15-16—This refers to the cold springs in Colosse and the hot springs in Hierapolis

By the time it was piped to Laodicea it was lukewarm

He is saying, “I wish you were spiritually healing, like the hot springs of Hierapolis, or spiritually refreshing, like the cold springs of Colossae”

### What?

*Open the door to the Great Physician, for healthy, spiritual eye-condition*

“Buy what you can’t buy”—

**Vs. 17**—they thought they were rich, but they were blind beggars; it’s easy to lose sight of the eternal

**Vs. 18**—you can’t buy these things; they’re freely given in response to faith

They needed to store up eternal wealth by doing good

White robes refers to purity, unmixing allegiance to Jesus, no idolatry

Eye-salve refers to the Holy Spirit

All their wealth, all the eye remedies in the medical profession of the city, couldn’t heal their blindness

They needed an eye-opening experience, to open their eyes to the real object of worship

**Vs. 19**—they needed to stop doing what was harmful to their spiritual vision, turn their eyes away from their idolatry and turn back to Jesus

**Vss. 20**—Jesus was knocking on the door of the church to be readmitted as the focus of worship

Jesus was speaking to the church, but the response had to be personal

He offered fellowship, genuine satisfaction in the eternal, feeding on the bread of life, and drinking at the fountain of living water

### So What?

A church that has lost its focus can only get its sight back when individuals respond to Jesus

Peter had this kind of eye-opening experience with Jesus in his boat (Luke 5)

At first he was flippant toward Jesus, but then when he realized who He was, he fell on his knees and said “Leave me, I’m sinful”

We can be flippant, not seeing Jesus in our worship; we need an eye-opening experience

**Vs. 21**—Jesus ends with a promise of enthronement with Him to those who are victorious over the kind of idolatry that had deadened this church

Paul and Epaphras both knew this church, and prayed for it

The final say—Paul

*Colossians 2:1-3, ESV—For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*

### Now What?

Consciously drop distractions at the door as you come to worship

Ask the Lord to open your spiritual eyes to seeing Jesus and savouring the blessings of His grace