

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for April 26, 2009**

**“The Complacent Church”**  
**Revelation 3:14-22**  
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This morning, we will examine 4 aspects of the message to the church in Laodicea, so that we might understand the characteristics which Christ desires His church to possess.

First, we must understand the correspondent with the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:14).

What does this description of Christ communicate about His character?

- It communicates that Christ is the All-conquering One (Revelation 1:5-8; 2 Corinthians 1:20).
  
- It communicates that Christ is the All-convicting One (Revelation 1:5).
  
- It communicates that Christ is the All-controlling One (John 1:3; Hebrews 1:2-3; Colossians 1:15-17).

Second, we must understand the condemnation given to the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:15-17).

What do the deeds of the Laodicean church reveal about them?

- Their deeds reveal a sickening condition (James 2:14-20; Matthew 7:20-23).
  
- Their deeds reveal a sickening complacency (Romans 7:24; 1 Corinthians 15:19).

Third, we must understand the counsel given to the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:18-20).

What counsel does Christ offer the church in Laodicea?

- Christ calls for the church to place a requisition (Revelation 3:18).

- Christ calls for the church to practice repentance (Revelation 3:19).
- Christ calls for the church to provide a reception (Revelation 3:20).

Fourth, we must understand the challenge given to the overcomers in Laodicea (Revelation 3:21-22).

- This challenge includes a guarantee (Matthew 19:28-29; Revelation 5:10; 20:6).
- This challenge includes guidance.

I pray that we, as a church, would avoid the complacency of the church in Laodicea, by having a genuine relationship with Christ.