

Revelation 3:14-22 (HCSB)

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'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind,

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THE REMEDY FOR SPIRITUAL LUKEWARMNESS

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III. The _____ of Jesus Christ must be _____ (18-19).

- A. They must recognize their spiritual _____ (18).
- B. They must realize why He _____ and _____ them (19a).
- C. They must respond with _____ (19b)

IV. The _____ of Jesus Christ to _____ the _____ (20).

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- Reigning with Christ in His future Millennial Kingdom