

THE FOOLISH CHURCH

THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA

REVELATION 3:14-22

WEALTHY CITY

Very wealthy city

Great commerce and trade

**66 A.D. city destroyed by earthquake, refused
offer help from Rome – rebuilt themselves**

GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Premier medical school of time

Eye salve help people see better

Sheep had glossy black wool

Great banking system

CITY THAT STOOD FOR NOTHING

**BECAUSE DEPENDED ON OTHER PEOPLE
FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE**

DID NOT WANT TO OFFEND ANYONE

**INTEGRATED CULTURES TOGETHER
WITHOUT ONE DOMINATING OTHERS**

LOUSY WATER

HEIROPOLIS 6 miles away
Great hot springs and healing properties
No local supply built aqueduct
Time got there lukewarm

COLOSSEA – FEW MILES SOUTH
Clear cold water was pride of region

A CHURCH THAT STOOD FOR NOTHING

TWO POSSIBILITIES

CHURCH NOT ON FIRE FOR LORD
Half heartedly serving God
Going thru motions

COMPROMISED TRUTH
Compromised truth good for nothing

STUDY IN CONTRASTS

WEALTH – GOD SAYS POOR
EYE SALVE- GOD SAYS BLIND
BEST WOOL- GOD SAYS NAKED

NEED SEE OURSELVES AS GOD SEES US

DANGEROUS TO FOOL OURSELVES

CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN

GOD GIVES THEM HOPE

KEN BLANCHARD

VERSE 19

DOESN'T FORCE HIMSELF

HE IS KNOCKING

WILL YOU OPEN THE DOOR?
