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ALL OR NOTHING

Jesus dictated seven letters to John in the book of Revelation that would be sent out to seven churches. One of these churches was the Church at Laodicea. The city and the Church at Laodicea had become very wealthy. They had a particularly expensive eye salve that had been used in healing that had prospered the city. The church had increased in goods and needed nothing of the material world. Yet Jesus said this about them in Rev. 3:17b, ***"...thou...knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."*** In spite of their wealth, they were spiritually bankrupt. They may have had eye salve for the body, but they were blind spiritually. They may have been dressed sumptuously, but spiritually they were naked. They did not have the robe of righteousness that comes through salvation.

In verse 15 Jesus said, ***"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue (spit) thee out of my mouth."***

They were comfortable and complacent. They were not cold towards things of God, but they were not passionate about the things of God either. They were "lukewarm." Lukewarm in any sense is disgusting to the taste. No wonder Jesus would spit them out of his mouth.

Many are in this same place as those of Laodicea. They may go to church and even give money, but they do not want to "get involved" in that "religious stuff." Sadly, they think they are okay, but they are not. Their money will not get them into heaven. In verse 18 Jesus goes on to say, ***"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see."***

In other words, they needed to give their lives to God and get saved. They were naked because they were not clothed with the robe of righteousness that is received at salvation. With God it is all or nothing. Half-way Christianity will not get you where you think you are going. You will stand before God naked and ashamed with no defense because you made your choice.

If you find yourself in this lukewarm state, then repent. Ask God to forgive you for not having the passion he looks for in his "children." Ask God to clothe you with his righteousness and turn from your passivity to being completely sold out to God. The choice is yours, but with God it is all or nothing.