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## **I LOVE YOU BUT YOU MAKE ME NAUSEOUS**

**Rev. 3:14-22**

**Passage in a Sentence:** Because Jesus loves His church, He is calling them to repent of their self-reliance and spiritual blindness before they make Him regurgitate.

**What type of church makes Jesus nauseated and how can we avoid this?**

- I. **A CHURCH THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT JESUS KNOWS WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT NAUSEATES HIM (3:14)**
  - a. Jesus is the:
    - i. Amen
    - ii. Faithful and True Witness
    - iii. Beginning of God's Creation
  - b. Jesus never makes false accusations.
  - c. All of Jesus' evaluations are accurate.
  - d. He can be trusted.
  
- II. **A CHURCH THAT IS MORE LIKE ITS SURROUNDINGS THAN ITS SAVIOR NAUSEATES CHRIST (3:15-16)**
  - a. Jesus has a distaste for the church at Laodicea because they lack passion because of their prosperity and pride.
  - b. A Church is in trouble when it looks more like its city than its Christ – the city is also in trouble if this is the case!



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**III. A CHURCH THAT IS HIGH ON SELF-RELIANCE AND LOW ON SELF-AWARENESS  
NAUSEATES CHRIST (3:17-18)**

- a. They were more than just “a little bit off” in their self-evaluation/estimation
- b. What they were:
  - i. Wretched
  - ii. Pitiful
- c. Because they were:
  - i. Poor
  - ii. Naked
  - iii. Blind
- d. What they needed (Akin):
  - i. Christ’s riches
  - ii. Christ’s righteousness
  - iii. Christ’s remedy

**IV. LET US BE A CHURCH THAT RECEIVES CHRIST’S REPROOFS AND SEEKS TO BE  
RECONCILED TO HIM (3:19-22)**

- a. Christ’s reproofs are evidences of His love for us and should be received with gratitude and repentance.
- b. Fellowship with Christ fuels faithfulness to Christ.
- c. Repentance, Reconciliation, and Regeneration are means to the ends of Rejoicing in and Relationship with Jesus.
- d. Our spirit-empowered perseverance leads to true prosperity and position as we reign with Christ forever.