

Revelation 3:14-22  
Series – Dear Church  
Message – Wholehearted Commitment  
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### The Truth

- Revelation 3:14
- Our English word *amen* is taken from a Hebrew word that means certainty or \_\_\_\_\_.
- John 14:6

### The Problem

- Revelation 3:15-17
- “Perhaps none of the seven letters is more appropriate to the twentieth-century church than this. It describes vividly the respectable, sentimental, nominal, skin-deep religiosity which is so widespread among us today. Our Christianity is flabby and anemic. We appear to have taken a lukewarm bath of religion” (John Stott, *What Christ Things of the Church*, p.116).
- “I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to” (C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*).

### The Standing Invitation

- Revelation 3:18-19
- Gold refined by fire...
- White clothes to wear...
- Salve to put on your eyes...
- “The Light of the World” by William Hollman Hunt
  - No handle on the outside
  - Spoken to Christians who had become lukewarm

### The Path to Victory

- We must not think that it’s all up to us to straighten our lives around to gain the victory.
- Revelation 12:11

### Reflection Questions

1. To what kind of truth does our culture direct us?
2. How can worldly affluence lead to spiritual blindness? Why do you think this happens?
3. Discuss the C.S. Lewis quote a bit. What grabs your attention?
4. What do you make of Jesus extending his “I stand at the door and knock” invitation to Christians who had gone astray? Does that context change the way you’re traditionally thought of these words? If so, how?
5. Share an example from your life that illustrates the difference between God granting us victory over the idea that we need to work harder to become victorious.
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What is God saying to you?
8. What are you going to do about it?