**FOCUS Bible Study - June 01**

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So what's a big positive anybody can share when we're waiting for people to jump on a big positive testimony or something like that?

[@8:41](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=521.42) - **Laurie Nelson**

Well, God is good as always. His salvation never stops. mean, you wake up and his mercies are new every single morning.

That's what I love about God. He never gets old. I mean, he's he never changes, but yet his mercies are new every morning.

That blows my mind. So when I Wake up in the morning, I always have hope. always have something to look forward to because God is always doing something in our lives.

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And if that isn't a big testimony, I don't know what it is. Yeah, that's really cool. And I'm glad you said the word hope because I was talking with somebody today or not today.

This week, I meant to say, and, you know, they were sharing some difficulties are going through and, and I've been ministering to them for a little bit now.

And I just sense that they've had this up and down. they hit a kind of a big circumstance in their life that caused them to just kind of pause a little bit.

And I said, you really need to do is focus on hope. know, that God gives us hope. every day he gives us hope.

So you just said the same thing, basically, that I was saying, you just put it in a nicer way.

I got 904. Maybe we'll just wait one more minute. We'll just go ahead and jump on. Maybe this is all we'll have today.

Julie is out with my daughter in Chicago, so she won't be joining us this morning. My daughter flew in yesterday.

We'll be here for the next 10 days or so, but her best friend down the street is getting married in August, and as you know, my daughter is getting married in July.

So they're having bachelor parties and wedding showers throughout the next few days, a couple of weeks here to celebrate.

So they went to Chicago last night, so they won't be on call this morning. So no little finger, no little finger poker.

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Yeah, I don't see these fingers. Tell her I missed her. Yeah, I sure Yeah, just that we stay safe.

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and all of that kind of stuff and you know there's we all really don't drink so there's that's already helpful but you know just just if we stay safe in the city and stuff like that there's that Milwaukee in Madison so not terrible but you never know yeah yeah for sure me god watch over you and bless you and we have a nice fellowship come on Britt glad you could join us this morning but we were just about to get started before we do can everyone just confirm that you can see the scripture list in the chat okay see Brian no okay let me post it out there again let's see if can control post it and hit how about now now you can okay so that helps me confirm that i got to post it once everybody else is on all right thank you let's

Let's open with the word prayer and we'll start digging in. Okay, Lord Jesus, thank you for this day. Thank you for as Lori put it, for giving us fresh hope this morning.

God, you are the Lord of hope, you are the King of all creation. You're the God of inspiration, the God of creativity within us.

Lord, help us, thank you help us process clearly, help us to just be open to what it is you want to say to us God.

your anointing flow, let it break yolks, let it change us forward. And God, we just give you glory and praise for it.

I'm so excited to be a part of what you're doing Lord. Thank you, Jesus, in Jesus name, amen. All right, some of you kind of heard this a little bit a couple weeks ago and I shared this at Bryan's in the evening at our get together.

But I wasn't able to get into the depth, the meat of it as I wanted to. I hid a couple of the scriptures, the mean scripture and then I hid a few others, but I'm really hoping we can get through all the scriptures because then you'll see the bigger picture of what I'm trying do.

share. So the main scripture we're going to do, read through is Revelation chapter 3, verses 14 through 19. So if we could jump there, the first one on my screen, as I go around, will be Brian.

So Brian, when you have Revelation 3 verses 14 through 19, would you mind reading that, please?

[@13:26](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=806.44) - **Brian**

All right. And to the angel of the Church of Laodiceans, right, these things says the Amen, the faithful and the true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.

I know your works that you are neither cold nor hot. I can wish you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth.

Because you say I am rich, I have become wealthy and have need for need of nothing. Do not know that you are

text, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire that you may be rich and white garments, you may be clothed in the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed and anoint your eyes with eyes to have as you may see, as many as I love I so today based on this scripture, we're going to talk about hot versus cold, hot versus cold and it's a late little foundation by the time we get to Revelation chapter three and we start talking to the latest scenes, we have to understand what happened before right that John the revelator John the Apostle on the island of Patmos after he's been tried to be boiled alive by the Romans and but that wasn't successful so he's just living out his days on the island Patmos he has this revelation.

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and he sees Jesus, and Jesus given him instruction here to write to these seven different churches throughout Asia Minor.

And so we get to chapter three, and it's one of the churches. And it's actually the last church that Jesus is talking to, right?

It's a seventh church. So there's seven is spiritual completion. So here at the height of what he's talking about is the spiritual completion here.

He's addressing believers. That's what we first have to understand. This this is a letter written to a church that existed.

You can see in I believe it's Colossians 4 16 that we can see a reference to the church of Laodicea.

So we know Paul was a principal in helping establish that church and that it actually was a church that was existing.

So these are a body of believers whom Jesus is addressing. Because if you have a red letter edition, I'm assuming you're what you read was in red letters like mine.

And that means Jesus is speaking. He's the one giving us direction here. So I want to break down what is being said because that's really important before we get into the other scriptures.

So in verse 14, he says, unto the angel. Okay, so that's the first thing like, whoa, who's this angel?

So go to Revelation 1 verse 20. know this isn't in the scripture list, but I just want to make this clear.

Revelation 1 verse 20, Laurie, would you read that please?

[@16:28](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=988.4) - **Laurie Nelson**

The mystery of the seven stars which thou saw us in my right hand in the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which thou saw us are the seven churches.

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So the angel, according to the middle of that verse, it is a star of the church. the star is what?

Sitting in the right hand of God. So this is the leader of the church. The star is someone the leader should be shining not through their own power.

power, because remember what the right hand of God means, the right hand of God means the power of God.

So he shines or he has his ability to lead because of God's power. So if he's resting in the palm of God's hand, if he's resting in God's power, then he has the real authority or ability to lead, and he should be leading appropriately.

When we're trying to lead on our own without the power of God, we might be shining ourselves, building our own kingdoms, and that star will fizzle out very quickly.

So we understand he's talking to the leader of the church, which church he says in verse 14, Laodiceans. And what's interesting, the Laodicean word, oh, I should back up, to help clarify that this is the pastor in the word angel.

When you look at the Greek word for the word angel, it means messenger, and therefore by implication means the pastor, because the pastor

is the messenger, right? The pastor is the one providing the messages for the church. Okay, so here God's giving a message.

Who's he giving it to? Because it's got to get down to the people. So God's message goes to the messenger to be delivered to the people.

That's the pastor, obviously. Good morning, Elisha. Thank you for joining us. We're just getting started here in Revelation 3, verses 14 through 19.

So we just were breaking down verse 14, the word angels referencing the pastor of the church and the Laodiceans.

the word Laodicean comes from Laodicea, and it's a church, like I mentioned, referenced in Colossians 4, 16. But the name Laodicea is derived from a woman named Laodicea, meaning, and that word means people's decision, people's judgment, or people's custom.

Now, what's interesting is Laodicea was a city formerly known as Diasopolis, and that meant city of Zeus. So here, this was a city that was named after Zeus because they were worshiping Zeus.

But because of a person's choice or people's choice, they left that worship, and now they're worshiping the true God, right?

so therefore, their name changed. Not only did their character change, the name change, everything about them started to change, okay?

Because this particular city had been converted through Paul's outreach rate through his ministry. So like us, when we choose to follow God, but if we end up sticking in our customs, kind of like they did, we are in some danger.

We need to let go of our past, our ways of doing things, our customs, and let God start to mold us.

Now, how do we know they were in their own customs? Well, because it was a city, in Asia Minor that had a fluent economy.

It was economy based in finance, in industry, in medicine, and in trade. And because of its economic wealth or well-being, it was able to afford building an Apple Theater.

And it had notable monuments. So people from all over the Roman Empire would come for whatever was going on in the Apple Theater or come and see these great monuments and come experience the hustle and bustle, if you will, of Laodicea.

It's kind of like living in Podunk, Iowa, and deciding, oh, I'm going to go to the Capitol, right? Because more is going on there.

I want to just see what's happening. Or living here in Johnson Creek and driving two hours ago to Chicago, and just kind of get the flair of a big city, right?

We're down to Milwaukee. But just because it has draw doesn't mean it has draw for the right reasons. And as a Christian, we should be having draw, but not in of ourselves, like the pastor who's trying do

to do his own thing without God's power in him, we should have draw because God is working in us and people should notice that about us and be drawn to us, right?

Just letting people in as they come. Excuse me. Okay, so as a city there, they had a therapeutic department.

They were fed through an aqueduct of lukewarm water, which was interesting because good morning, John is it? We're in Revelation chapter three this morning, John.

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We just got started.

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Good morning.

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We're talking John from India.

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Nice, John. Thank you for joining us. We are in Revelation chapter three this morning and we're breaking down verses 14 through 19.

So we just started talking about verse 14. Okay, so Bay of the Sea was a city that was fed by aqueducts and it had a lukewarm water source because on two opposite sides of it, there were two cities, one named Herropolis that had

very therapeutic hot springs. If you know anything about like hot springs, Arkansas, people would go and bathe in these hot springs because of their menial values and their therapeutic values, they would heal them and refresh them.

a periapolis had very hot water. On the other side was Colasse, and he had very cold and refreshing water.

But as those waters were fed down, it became blue warm when it got too late to see it. So, they had this very warm water.

Also, they had this main trade product, which was an ISAF, whether it healed their eyes or not. It could have been just like a snake balm, if you will, no real meaning, but who knows?

But people were craving this thing. That's what they were exporting and trading throughout the Roman Empire was this ISAF.

So, what is what is Jesus saying to them? He says, write these things in verse 14. He says, say the Amen.

So he calls himself the amen Jesus speaking. He's caused himself the amen. What does the amen mean? Amen means certainty truth Reliable So he's playing a foundation to hey look if you're starting where you have start with truth and something that's certain Something that's reliable.

We know that's exactly what Jesus is right and he says he's the faithful and true Witness now what we know about Jesus is he died for truth, right?

So we must die to self to serve truth We must die to self to serve truth Because he says he's the true witness, right?

is a witness in this definition in this root word here? means martyr So he died for truth to prevail.

That's why we must die to ourself For truth to prevail Okay, this makes sense so far So then he gets into verse 15, oh, pardon me, he says, and of verse 14, the beginning of the creation of God.

Remember, it's, I believe it's in Romans. not quite sure, but it could be Galatians, but he says that the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.

So when he says from the beginning of the creation of God, he's calling himself Jesus, the beginning of the creation of God.

In other words, he's the land that was slain from the foundation of the world. So before God ever put everything in emotion, before he even spoke the word into existence, he had a thought, he had a plan.

And at the beginning of that plan, he knew he was going to bring about the Lamb of God to be paid for the sins of the world, right?

So from the very beginning, Jesus existed. The part of plan was that he would die for our sins. So he says he's the truth.

He's the one who died for truth to prevail. And he was all part of God's plan. So then he gets to verse 15 and 16, and he's talking directly to the Laodiceans, these body of believers.

I know thy works, and works is a reference to labor, so they are laborers for God. Remember in the Gospel, Jesus said pray that the God would say laborers, because the harvest is great.

So these are believers who are working for God. When he says, I know thy works, he's saying, I know that you're working for me in other words.

I know that you're trying to bring in the harvest. But there's something about them. They're neither cold nor hot.

They're not one or the other. And his real desire is that they would be either cold or hot. He doesn't say, so let me pause there.

Have any of you guys ever heard this preached on saying like, man, you've got to be hot for God, right?

If you're cold or indifference, God's going to have nothing to do with you, right? Luke 1, he's got nothing to do with these.

Have you ever heard that kind of a message about this? Yeah, right? So that's very often the interpretation of the scripture, but it's wrong.

Right? How do I know that's wrong? Because the only thing Jesus is going to spew out of his mouth or vomit is the lukewarm.

Because if he didn't say, if he really was saying, if this was about a temperature gauge of the Christian, that you've got to be hot for God instead of cold, then what would he have also said?

I'm going to get rid of the cold, right? But he's saying you need to be one or the other, cold or hot.

So in other words, he likes cold and he likes hot, right? So he focuses on the lukewarmness. He says in verse 15, 16, I would downward cold or hot.

But because you're only lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I'm going to vomit you out of my mouth. Now that's a pretty emotional word, isn't it?

He could have just said, I'm going to, I'm going to have nothing to do with you. No, but he's like, he's like, you're part of me.

Take a drink of water. Now, the only way that's that water I drank is no longer going to be a part of me is if I vomit it out, right?

But once it's in me, it's part of me. These are believers who are part of the body, who are part of what God is doing.

They have connected. And he's saying, look, because you're not cold or hot, I'm going to be disassociating with you, right?

I'm going to vomit you out. That's pretty emotional. That's pretty dramatic, wouldn't you say? Okay. So, verses 17 and 18, he gets into saying, because you say, because you have this attitude, these legacy and believers have come to have this attitude thinking that they're rich.

They have so much goods. They have need of nothing, right? But what they don't realize is that they're lacking.

So, this This last church that Jesus is talking to, because he's addressed six so far, this is the seventh, he's addressing what we might consider like our church age right now, because there are so many Christians who call themselves Christians, but don't realize they're lukewarm, right?

not really living for God, they're not really pleasing God, they're not doing satisfaction, bringing satisfaction to the body, right?

they think that they're a certain way, they think they're okay, they think they're rich, they think they've got everything they need, but Jesus sees past all that and he says, no, you don't even get it, you don't even see it, you can't even comprehend it, unless I bring your attention to it, you are wretched, what does that mean?

It means to endure toils and troubles, right? So you think you're one way, but all these toils and troubles that you have in your life are telling you something else, what you're not making the association that the toils and troubles that you have are because you're not refolding living for God.

And he says, you're miserable. What does that mean? means to be pitied. In other words, I feel sorry for you because you can't make the connection that you think you got it all with all these toils and troubles that you have.

You're not making the understanding, the connection that you need me. And because you're not making that connection, I feel sorry for you.

I want to help you in other words. I want to help you make that connection that the toils and troubles are because you're not being connected to me.

And he goes on, he says, and you're poor. What does that word mean? That means powerless. Where do you get your power from?

Well, Jesus said, wait in Jerusalem to be so you'd be in dude with power, didn't he? And what is that power?

That power is the infill in the Holy Spirit. In other words, you're not letting me move in your life through the Spirit's flow.

You think you got everything you have. You're encouraging, you're having these troubles and troubles and difficulties. You're not making the association.

It's because you're not letting my spirit move through. for you. And your blind, that word blind means mentally, you can't mentally bind, you can't you can't even, you can't even concept or think about or use your logic to put two and two together, right?

Because if you could, you would see what your current situation is. And he says, you're naked, right? does that word naked mean?

Well, let's go to Matthew chapter 22. Matthew 22, and we're going read verses 2 through Lori, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king which made a marriage for his son.

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and sent forth his servants to call them that were biden to the wedding, and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants saying, tell them which are biden, behold, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are already come unto the marriage.

But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise, and the remnant took his servants and entreated them spitefully and slew them.

But when the king heard thereof he was wrath, and he sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city.

Then sayeth heed to his servants, the wedding is ready, but they which were biden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage.

So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all as many as they found both bad and good, and the wedding was furnished with guests.

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment.

And he saith unto him, Friend, how cameest thou in, Hither not having a wedding garment, and he was speechless, Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away, cast him into the outer darkness, There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, For many are called, but few are chosen.

[@32:19](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=1939.38) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Hmm, interesting story, right? Why why why is he throwing this guy out? He's invited all these people into the wedding, he wanted them there, and the people he invited didn't come at first, so he gets other people, but but now he sees this guy and he's gonna throw him out.

Why why is he throwing this guy out, anybody? He's not wearing the right clothes. Yeah, yeah, so is he sitting there naked?

Maybe, I mean who knows, right? He's disrespectful. Yeah, that's right, Brit. Yep. He's being disrespectful. Because what we have to understand in that day when they had a wedding, it was common for the host to provide wedding garments.

So people would travel from all over, right, to come to this wedding. might be announced six months to a year ahead of time that this was happening because, you know, there was a long engagement period and there were things that the bride and group would do as a part of this engagement process and finding when they would have this party, people came from, you know, a long distances and it's not like they had a full closet like we maybe have today, you know, with 20 different outfits or 40, 50, 60 different outfits in there, right?

had maybe two or three garments, right? And sometimes they were even so poor, couldn't afford a really nice wedding garment that they could keep clean.

So it was common for the host to provide a wedding garment because, you know, they would go and rent it if you were kind of like tuxedo rentals, right?

Maybe even the host didn't have it right there available, but they would go and get them. and make them available for when the travelers got there, they could put on this wedding garment, right?

And be part of the festivities, and it would be beautiful, it would be all this, right? But here, so the king invited them.

So people think, well, this story is about salvation, right? The king inviting him to be saved. It's not. Once they're at the wedding, they're already saved.

So what is this? If this isn't a story about getting saved, what must it be about? It must be about staying saved, right?

Because he starts walking through the wedding, and he sees this guy's not wearing the wedding garment that he was provided.

In other words, this guy has rejected what the host provided. What is this wedding garment? Isaiah 61, verse 10, let's jump there, I know it's not in the scripture list as well, but I think this is important to add.

61, verse 10. And Kat, would you mind reading it when you have Isaiah 61, verse 10? That might be unmute.

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Okay. Hang on. I had it. Just as I asked six to one ten.

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Right. Thank you.

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I will greatly rejoice in the Lord. My soul shall be joyful in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the realm of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorned with herself with her jewels.

[@35:48](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2148.9) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Oh, see this connection to this story? Right? He's even talking about a bride new grooming the story. And who provided the wedding garment?

The Lord did. Right? was the garment called? of salvation. How are we to be saved? Acts chapter 2 verse 38, when Peter stood up, giving instruction to the ground.

He said, here's how you're going to be saved. Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

So here, these are when you believe this, and you follow it, now you're saved. So you are at the wedding, if you will.

But what happens is, let the Laodicean Church, when he says that you're naked, they've rejected the garment. Maybe they put it on at first, but at some point they realized they got comfortable and maybe they got a little hot in it.

Maybe it was maybe they thought it was a little restrictive, you know, and maybe they thought it was itchy, you know, or whatever.

And so they decided I'm going to take this thing off because I think I could do it my way now.

I think I can have more of my own opinion in this thing instead of following God's opinion. Maybe, maybe I don't quite have to be saved.

Maybe I don't quite have to speak in science. Maybe I don't have to do this. Maybe, you know, and so they set it aside, thinking they now

could maintain their salvation in their own regards. Does this make sense? And as a result, they said it aside, the king comes here and he says, wait a minute, I provided a wedding garment for you.

Why aren't you utilizing it? Hence why we can come back into Revelation 3 when he says, you're powerless, you're poor in other words, you are wretched, you're having these toils and troubles, but you're not associating the fact that you could have the Holy Spirit working in you, moving through you to help you with these toils and difficulties.

You've rejected my power and letting me move through you, right? And so he then goes on and encourages them 17 and 18 in Revelation 3.

I counsel you, here's the best thing I can tell you. This is if I can get you to do anything, here's what I would get you to do.

Buy me gold, try it in the fire. How do you purify gold? You have to put it in the fire.

You've got to allow the toils in the trials, right? God isn't going to deliver you from them. and he will help you get through them." He says, if you will trust me and allow my spirit, then you will be rich because if you have gold, what do you have?

You have valuable stuff. If you love God's spirit to move in you, you have something of value to help you overcome.

Then you're really rich because then you have white rainman, white means purity. You'll have the purity that God is looking for instead of being stained, right?

And then you'll truly be clothed. You will not be naked because you have my Holy Spirit flowing through you.

Without my spirit, though, what do you have? Shame. Isn't that what Adam and Eve had in the garden? When they first sinned, when their first act of disobedience opened their eyes and they realized what?

They were naked. They were without the Spirit of God any longer. They were naked. And what happened? They were shameful.

They tried to cover up. Without the Spirit of God, move. being, we are left to be naked, powerless, and we experience shame.

So he says, look, I don't want that to happen to you. So, so that you can see this clearly.

You think you've got this ISAB that you're trading out to the world that's doing absolutely nothing. But if you will anoint your eyes with the ISAB that I have, right, then you'll be able to see what I'm talking about.

If you let me anoint you, let my spirit move through you, you're going to understand this, you will you will finally get it.

And why? Because it gets in a verse 19, because as many as I love, in other words, he's saying, I love you.

I'm writing this to you, and I'm trying to help you because I love you. But truth is hard. If truth wasn't hard, how would we make a decision for it?

When we when we want everything to be lovely, dovey, and don't don't talk to me in this way. Don't hurt my feelings.

Don't me. How am I? We're going to wake you and shake you to find truth. If I don't store you to something, if I don't say, hey, think about this for a second.

Will you ever stop and think about it then? Oh, wait a minute, let me do my own thinking. Okay, you're allowed to, but why don't you consider this as part of your thinking, right?

As many as I love, I love you. And so therefore I rebuke, he says, what does that mean? It doesn't mean like to shame you.

You're already in shame. It means to correct you. I correct you. I want to get you on the right path, in other words.

And to get you on the right path, I have to point that you're on the wrong path. If I can't, if I don't point out that you're on the wrong path, how do you ever know that this is the right path?

Because you're already thinking you're on the right path. So if I point out the right path to you and you think you're on the right one, well, what difference does it make you're going to say?

And so people say, well, there's all kinds of paths to God. No. there's not there's one and if I don't tell you that there's only one and that you're on the wrong one you'll never get on the right one and I chasin what does that word mean means to instruct or train you I've got to teach you Jesus saying if look because I love you I've got to correct you and I've got to teach you I've got to instruct you on these things because if I don't you're lost you're part of this lukewarmness that is not associated with my body because I involuntarily have you ever involuntarily thrown up you know you didn't plan on getting sick right but you can't help it because you know it's coming right maybe somebody next to you started throwing up and you started having that gag reflex right you ever experienced that I know I have it's something you can't get when God says he's going to spew you out it's because he can't help it because sin cannot be associated with the purity of God

So it's like, it's an involuntary thing. He's just going to happen. So he's going to spew you out. He'd rather, that's why he says, I'd rather have you get cold or hot.

I don't want to have to spew you out. But it's an involuntary thing, because sin cannot be associated with purity of God.

So it's just going to happen. And because of that, I love you. I'm telling you that your correction, yeah, get to you one second, Britt.

And I'm going to instruct you and train you. So therefore, get anxious about this and get excited about this because when you get excited, when you get connected to this, you'll be on the right path.

Therefore, repent. Repent simply means turn around. Stop going that direction, come this direction. And therefore, when you get it, you'll be moving in the right direction.

Britt, go ahead.

[@42:49](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2569.1) - **Britt Topp**

Yeah, can you expand on cold? You know, I think we can all kind of understand the hot, but like, can you stand on cold and why God would accept that?

I'm going to get to that.

[@42:59](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2579.78) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. So if I don't cover it, make sure you remind me again, but it's part of what I'm going to talk about.

[@43:05](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2585.2) - **Britt Topp**

Thank you.

[@43:07](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2587.6) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So, if we've covered Revelation 3, 14 through 19, we understand what Jesus is really saying to them then, that this is about His Spirit moving through them, that they have set aside so His Spirit must make us hot or cold, right?

As Britta's pointing out a little bit here, there's an element of what is cold, what is hot then, right?

Because if this lesson is about hot versus cold, what are these things? All right, well, gotta find my notes here, sorry.

All right, so as I was saying, many people claim that the Scriptures talk about the temperature of a believer, but we've already proved it's not.

So hot, the reason people teach this as a believer being hot is because we understand that concept very easily.

What are these, what are the properties of water? when they're hot versus cold. What happens when you heat up water, the molecules in that water start going really fast.

The molecules are always bouncing around, okay? The neutrons, electrons, protons, whatever. They're always in motion, so these molecules are always moving.

you heat them up and you put them in boil, you actually get to see the water boil. pops up, right?

It starts to move because all those molecules start going really fast in that heat. They get excited in other words.

So heat seems like it excites, and so that's why it's easy for pastors to look at the description and say, hey, we're fired.

God means you're like, you got zeal, you are like going after it. Makes sense, right? But what happens when molecules are made cold, they slow down, they have the opposite effect.

They chill out, they're comfortable, they're relaxed, right? God says both are a good thing, because if he didn't like the cold, he'd also be spitting that out.

But both must be good things, right? So, what this means is that if the hot is emotional as being like, we are excited, then the cold has to be emotional, we're chill, we're like relaxed, right?

So these are emotional states, right? All right, so, think about this, what happens when a couple kisses, tell me what has to happen for a couple of the kiss?

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They have grown a relationship and feel bonds of affection toward one another?

[@45:52](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2752.5) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

That's the emotional connection, yep. what about physically? What do they have to do to kiss?

[@46:00](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2760.0) - **Britt Topp**

They got on top of their lips.

[@46:02](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2762.32) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, make contact lip to lip, mouth to mouth, right? Alright, so think about this. Their mouths become one. How did God create man?

How did man became a living soul? We know he formed them, but how did man become a living soul?

He breathed into them. Right? Nose into his nostrils, the breath of life. Now, when you perform resuscitation, the best way to perform resuscitation, Lori, correct me if I'm wrong, because you are a nurse, right?

Is to cover both the airway completely. If you cover the airway completely, it's probably the best result to get the air into the person, correct?

Mm-hmm. So, when we think in terms of the note, when we hear the term nostrils, we're only thinking of the nose.

But in reality, what picture like a mask covering both the nose and the mouth, that's how it God breathed into the man.

So what happened? God's mouth covered man's mouth. So there was this intimate moment when God put his spirit through a kiss, if you will, into man.

That's how God's spirit transferred into man. So there's this intimacy, an emotional and physical and spiritual emotional connection, right?

get it? Okay. So go to Matthew chapter 7. Matthew chapter 7, let's read verse 23. I'm going to bring this together in a second here.

Matthew 7 verse 23. And Britt, you read that for us when you have it please? Matthew 7 verse 23.

[@47:54](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2874.68) - **Britt Topp**

Then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you away from me, you evil doers.

[@48:01](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=2881.14) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Evil doers is also another phrase for works iniquity, okay work. We talked about Laodicea. I know that works. You're working on behalf of God to bring in souls to the kingdom, right?

Send, send laborers, people who work into the harvest to bring people into God's kingdom. So work, but they're working iniquity.

We've talked about how the Laodicea have set aside their own set aside God spirit to do their own thing.

So now, who are these people that are working iniquity? There are people who are trying to bring them, bring people into what they think is God's kingdom, but ends up being their own kingdom, because he says, I never knew you.

They don't have the spirit of God. Why is it important for us to understand the transfer of God's spirit when he created man?

Because that's how man received the Holy Spirit. Man lost it because of sin. know that, right? they were separated.

God had to withdraw his spirit. It's as though man became dead. Without the spirit he became dead in the spirit and that's why when Jesus said, you know One of the persons was saying to him.

me follow you But I got to go bury my father and he says let the dead bury the dead Because we're walking around his zombies without the spirit of God in us We are spiritually dead without the spirit of God in us So if God doesn't know us that means there's no life in us There's the his spirit is not in us, right to know somebody in that intimacy that we talked about in the kiss, right?

Jesus saying I don't have intimacy because that word new means like it's a euphemism for a relationship between husband and wife.

I never knew you I didn't have this intimacy with you because you didn't allow my holy spirit to fill you and to direct you and allowing me to work through you in the work that you were doing and Because you don't allow my spirit to work

work in you and through you in the work that you're doing, you're working on your own, and when you're working on your own, you're creating iniquity, because without God, you're living in sin, and you're in violation to God's will in his word.

So that's why they're working iniquity. Does this make sense? So he's saying, look, if you want to work with me, you need my Holy Spirit in you, okay, because if hot and cold are indications of, of emotional comfort, if you will, let's take that that further.

You know, it's comfort. You know, it's emotional comfort. Why? Because if I give you a cold beverage, let's say yesterday, I was running an 83 degree weather, and I was hot and sweaty.

If you offered me a hot cup of coffee, you think I'd be appreciative? Why? Why don't you think I want a hot cup of coffee after running for 30 minutes and 85 degree weather?

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It's not going to be refreshing.

[@51:01](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3061.08) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Why is that important to me to have my thirst or be refreshed?

[@51:09](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3069.64) - **Britt Topp**

Well, I mean, that has to do with like sustainability, right? you, it's not meeting your need.

[@51:15](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3075.44) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, it's not meeting me. I'm going to die. I might literally die if you keep heating me up when I'm already heated, right?

Or vice versa, right? I'm in the desert and I'm sweaty or let's say I'm in Antarctica and it's cold and bitter freezing, right?

And you offer me some ice cold water. Is that going to be great for me at that moment in time?

No. Why? Because if you continue to freeze me when I'm already frozen, I could literally die. So we're talking about comfort.

It's going to refresh. Refreshing is comfort. If you give me a hot cup of coffee in Antarctica when I'm cold, right?

I'm going to love on you. I'm going to be like, Oh, thank you so much for this hot cup of coffee.

Even though I don't like coffee, I'm going to drink. get because it's hot and it's going to meet my need versus yesterday when I'm running 85 degrees weather and the sweat is pouring out and you give me a cold bottled water.

Man, I'm going to love on you like there's no tomorrow. Like, oh, thank you so much, right? So this cold hot thing, that's why God is good with both of them.

Why? Because we all have troubles and difficulties, right? Why is comfort important to us? First Thessalonians, we're going to read several of these back-to-back here.

Thessalonians, chapter 2. First Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 11. John, do you mind reading for us that verse? First Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 11?

[@52:48](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3168.42) - **JOHNBABU**

Yes, sir. Thank you. For you know how like a father with his children. That's also

[@53:00](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3180.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yes, that verse. That's all you got. That's all you have in there.

[@53:05](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3185.36) - **JOHNBABU**

Yeah.

[@53:06](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3186.38) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. My version goes a little bit further. It says, as you know, how we exhort and comforted and charged every one of you as a father to those children.

So a father comforts his child, right? If a child gets hurt, child gets hurt, they run to mom or dad.

Hey, I got this boo, boo, you know, and they're crying and mom or dad would like embrace them. Hey, it's okay.

You're going to be okay. They comfort them. They calm them down, right? Let's go to 1 Thessalonians chapter 3 verse 7.

Alicia, do you mind reading that for us, please? Chapter 3 verse 7? Ask. Okay. Let's go back up to Brian for Jamie.

Sorry, Jamie, your turn.

[@53:55](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3235.04) - **Brian**

Let's see, 3, 7? Yes, please. Or this reason, brothers in All are distress and affliction. We have been comforted about you through your faith.

[@54:06](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3246.66) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

In stress and affliction, you've been comforted. Interesting. First Thessalonians, chapter 4, verse 18. Brian, would you read that, please?

[@54:20](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3260.96) - **Brian**

4, verse 4, chapter 4, verse 18. 18. Okay. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

[@54:31](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3271.06) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

How are you comforted with the words? What is the word in referring to the scripture? The word of God is what the spirit of God is.

John, chapter 1, in the beginning was the word, and when word was made flesh and the word dwelt among us.

It's the spirit of God. The word is God. word, the spirit and the word all one and the same.

So in other words, chapter 5, chapter 5, verse 11. Glory, would you read that, please?

[@55:02](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3302.76) - **Laurie Nelson**

Wherefore, comfort yourselves together and edify one another, even as also ye do.

[@55:08](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3308.32) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Hm, we're to edify one another. Hm. Let's go to Colossians to the left a few books, Colossians chapter two verse two.

Cat, would you read that please? Colossians two verse two.

[@55:31](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3331.82) - **Owner’s iPhone**

Okay. found one in three. Where's two? Okay. That their hearts might be comforted being ed together in love and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, the acknowledgement of the mystery of God and of the Father and of Christ.

[@56:00](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3360.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Hearts. Hearts is emotional thing. Remember, we talked about the heart is the emotional center, right? Emotional we're comforted in our emotions knit together.

What amongst each other and to the mystery of God. What is the mystery of God? Scripture tells us it's Christ in you the hope of glory The Spirit in other words, we're comforted by the spirit of God in us.

Philippians chapter 2 Philippians chapter 2 one look to the left verse 1. Brett, would you read that please? Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the spirit, if any tenderness and compassion Mmm, comforted by his love comforted in love.

What is What is the very definition of God? is scripture is probably one of the shorter scriptures. It says God is

is love. So we're comforted by God and that we're covered by love. In other words, God's spirit in us.

If God is love, we experience His love by Him being in us, right? And we're comforted because of that.

So what is this? Now let's get to 2 Corinthians chapter 1, 2 Corinthians chapter 1. And let's read verses 3 through 7.

Chapter 1 verses 3 through 7 of 2 Corinthians. And I think I'm going to read that if that's okay.

So it says, blessed. got to make sure I'm in right one here, 2 Corinthians chapter 1, 3 through 7.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our tribulation.

We may be able to comfort them, which are in any trouble by the comfort where we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abound it by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings, which we also suffer.

Or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation.

That scripture now should sum it up for us. Going back to Revelation 3, Remember Jesus said that you're wretched, you have toils and troubles, you're powerless, poor, you're blind, you don't see that association.

Why you need to buy me gold tried in the fire Why so that you may be rich so in other words hot and cold are comforts?

It's allowing the Holy Spirit to minister To you in your own trials and tribulations why not so that you are so much comforted But so that you can minister to somebody else because what did what do we just read here that and verse four?

He comforts us on our tribulation ours so that you What? First seven we have these sufferings we have this verse verse six and work work constantly we're afflicted for your consolation what?

So these difficulties and trials and things that I go through are not just for me But they're for you So I endure pain and suffering for you Isn't that what Jesus did?

He went to the cross Endured that pain and suffering for who now for himself but for you So, when you have difficulties and trials and situations in your life, and you don't let God move and minister in you to comfort you, then those cannot be used as witnesses, as examples, as part of your laboring to bring people into his kingdom.

Because when you complain, and you think you can deal with this problem of difficulty on your own, and you complain, and you murmur, and you suffer through it, that's not sitting a good witness, you're not dying to self, as we talked about, you're not setting a good witness for the truth to prevail, because the truth is with Christ, all things are possible.

But if you don't allow the Spirit to move in you and through you in those difficulties, and say, no, God, do you be the glory, whether I live or die, whether this situation kills me or makes me stronger, doesn't matter, as long as I have you, I have everything.

In God's Spirit moves through you, now you've set a good example, because those people who are watching you, and they're all around you,

Um, everywhere you go, they're watching you for an example. And if you're being lukewarm, you have no effect on the kingdom.

But if you, if you can see somebody who's suffering, they're emotionally distressed, they're hot, they're sweating. They're like, Oh, man, how am I ever going to get through this?

Right? They're, they're perspiring, they're hot. And you come along, man, I understand I'm the cold beverage for you. I understand I've been there.

I could, I could tell you my witness, I can tell you my story. What God did for me? What are they going to experience refreshing?

Oh, if God did it for them, then maybe he can do it for me. Man, if they're at the spirit of God is in them helping them, then maybe I need the spirit of God in me.

If they're like, if they're like so exasperated, depressed and cold, man. Oh, I just don't know how to face life.

I don't know. I don't know. I see. situation was hopeless and you come in with a hot beverage and you say man God can do great things He's done this miracle for me and he'll do some miracle for you and you know like you get them pumped up because of what the faith is That's in you you've taken them and you've refreshed them.

You see the hot and cold. Does this make sense now? Hot cold is not the temperature of the Christian It's about the comfort that God has brought into your life through the trials and difficulties that you've had that now You can relate and pour out to somebody in need, but you got to read the room You've got to understand where that person's coming from are they cold are they hot on relationship to God then bring what they need Don't bring somebody who's depressed more depression.

Oh man I understand what you're going through because I'm so depressed too, man. You know, I know God, man I'm so depressed you is that gonna help them at all?

You get the idea Does this make sense? Is this helping? Is this helping anybody today?

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Well, then can you kind of define lukewarm? Yeah, I can't speak about that.

[@1:03:08](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3788.76) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, what we were talking about for lukewarm is like you have the trials and difficulties, but you aren't allowing God to move in them.

You think you can do it on your own. You've forgotten about the power of God moving in you. You forgot that he gave you the spirit in these gave you word.

You're not relying on the word to go to it. So you you closed yourself off from God. You're lukewarm.

You have no testimony to share. Does that help?

[@1:03:39](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3819.6) - **Britt Topp**

I think so. I think so.

[@1:03:42](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3822.06) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I'm just trying to put it all together. Yeah. It's a lot. I know it's a big concept here, but this is really what God is talking about.

Maybe this will help. Just a couple more verses and then we can I know we're at the top of the hour here and if you have to jump, I get it.

We'll continue to record this. will get posted out on my website so you can come back. Watch the end of it or you can come back and watch all of this again and maybe you've made more sense a second time through I don't know but We'll continue in john chapter 14.

[@1:04:09](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3849.5) - **Brian**

Let's read there John chapter 14 Let's read verses 15 through 18 and brian am I back up to you John chapter 14 verses 15 through 18 I I'll through 18 if you love me keep my commandments and I will pray the father and he will give you another helper That he may abide with you forever The spirit of truth from the world Can that receive

because neither sees him nor knows him, but you know him or he dwells with you and will be in you.

[@1:05:09](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=3909.38) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you." Now what's interesting is in the version that Brian just read, the word helper is also translated as comforter.

What he also read as orphanless is also translated as comforter. So I will not leave comforterless. I will give you another comforter.

What is Jesus saying? I will give you another comforter. I will not leave you comforterless. So who's comforter? Jesus.

But we read in a previous verse in the 2nd Corinthians 1 verses 3 and 7, blessed be the God who is the God of all comforter.

The only way Jesus can be the comforter is to say, It's God. And we know that he is. So Jesus, God, one was saying, he's the comforter.

I, he says, I will not leave you comforless. How does that happen? Only if he's in us, that's why we are comforting.

If I'm cold and chilly and I put on a blanket, I get that comfort. I'm like, Oh, man, I have to be toasty.

It's like, okay, now I can, I'm good. But if I take that blanket back off and I'm still in the same situation in environment, what's going to happen to me right away?

I'm getting cold again, right? The Holy Spirit comes in. It's our comforter. But we can choose whether we want to follow it or not, or allow it to direct our lives.

That's why Paul says you need, or Judas, you need to build yourself up in faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

You, you maintain that contact. You maintain your connection by praying in the Holy Spirit. First verse. that we read, if you love me, keep my commandments.

It's like saying, if you want hot water, you got to keep it on the stove. If you want cold water, you got to keep it the refrigerator.

This is how you stay connected to God. Love, God is love. He's in us. He fills us with his spirit.

You got to stay connected to it, right? Because he's the comforter. Do you realize that John was the only disciple who referred to the Holy Spirit as the comforter?

The other gospels never call the Holy Spirit the comforter. Why does John call the Holy Spirit the comforter? We have to understand who John is.

He was one of the disciples, right? So he's one of the twelve who followed Jesus. But not only that, was one of the three that Jesus would bring into the room when he raised the girl from the dead, or he'd bring up to Mount Transfiguration and he got to see his transformation, right?

So he was one of the three of his best friends. But not only that, of those three, he was the one

He put his head on Jesus's chest at the Last Supper. He was the one whom Jesus constantly called beloved.

He was the one who stood at the cross and said, look at them, look, that's your mother now, take care of her.

So in other words, he was his best friend in the physical. So having an intimate relationship with God, drawing so close to him, you will experience truly who God the comforter is.

You won't just understand that you have the Holy Spirit. You won't just understand that you've got power. that's what a lot of people who receive the Holy Spirit, they only look at it as though the power, because Jesus did say, wait until Jerusalem until you'd be in dude with power from on high, right?

But you have to also realize that John the said, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The fire is the power, right? associate, so people will receive the Holy Spirit and it. Well, I got the power, but they forget about the Holy Spirit, who is the comforter.

right? That's the whole purpose of receiving the Holy Spirit. It's not just about the power. The power is a result of the Holy Spirit, but the purpose for receiving the Holy Spirit is the comfort that it brings to your life for you to be a witness to comfort others.

Does that make sense? All right. I've probably gone on long enough here. There's more I could be saying about comforter and the comforter.

There's a bunch of scriptures still left. think maybe we covered all those that I had on the list. I think we covered all those.

But go back and think about Matthew 25. Right? I don't think we read that one, but as a homework assignment, go and read Matthew 25, read verses 14 through 30, and then 36 through 40, and you get a better understanding of the comforter.

Read Isaiah 25 and 8. Isaiah 25 and 8. Read Revelation 21 and 4. If you read James, go back and listen to the video, you'll catch all these scriptures, Read James chapter 2 verses 10 and 11.

Read Revelation 6 and 16. If you read these additional scriptures, you'll get a better idea of what God means by being the Comforter.

But because I've been going so long here, I want to wrap it up here. So questions, thoughts, or comments about what we covered.

How is this impacting you today?

[@1:10:43](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4243.38) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah, Rick. My daughter just wanted you to know that this was a good study.

[@1:10:47](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4247.28) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

She's on the couch by me right now.

[@1:10:50](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4250.48) - **Laurie Nelson**

But this scripture just keeps coming back to my mind and relating to Revelation 3 where we started. They, that be why she'll

shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that lead many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever and then we talk about the stars of the churches.

So essentially everything that you're talking about how to be hot and cold in due season all is about having God's wisdom in you which you can't have without the Holy Spirit.

So you have to be wise you have to know how to lead such a people right and how to shine like the star to lead many to him and so I think that wherever you are you can shine like that star and let God's Spirit work through you and lead many to righteousness right because that's essentially what we're talking about anyways you want to lead meant we're laboring to do that and in order to shine we need to have that wisdom so God's Spirit can flow through us and lead people to.

[@1:12:00](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4320.0) - **Brian**

him so that we can you know lift him when we lift him up he shines like a beacon and draws all men unto himself right so laying self down has to be step one yeah totally three hundred percent with everything you said thank you Laurie anybody else yeah taking pride out of it is huge you got to separate you from the pride i think but i like how you you did the hot and cold thing that's i guess i i never really thought about it quite like that so i'm sure we've done studies in the past ten twelve years but um it's it's very very cool how you brought that together it's uh it's it's good way to look at that instead of the usual temperature of a Christian that's what i always refer to it as you know the you're cold you're hot or you're luke warm in the middle on the fence

kind of thing, you know, and that's I think a lot of there's a lot of misconception there. I think they people call on every reason with fence dwellers or you know, whatever the case is.

[@1:13:15](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4395.78) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, I agree that that's what I was hoping we need to try to address is the misconception. So thank you.

Anybody else?

[@1:13:23](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4403.34) - **Britt Topp**

Britt. Yeah, so I'm just kind of trying to wrap my brain around the half the cold and the lukewarm.

Um, and in kind of game like a new perspective from what I, you know, thought previously about it. So I guess I hadn't really, you know, taken into account that God does accept the cold, right?

I hadn't really, you know, just so focused on the hot and the lukewarm. But so here's my thoughts and let me know if I'm wrong, but I kind of see the lukewarm as being someone who kind of wavers from like laying down herself and not.

like they're kind of bouncing around to like Holy Spirit-guided, not, you know,-guided, Holy Spirit-guided, self-guided, that's who God's viewing out.

And then the, maybe the colds are like broken people, like people who just aren't really letting the Spirit in, but it's because of maybe a brokenness or something that God is like, you know, still wanting to draw close to them.

And then the, the hot are the people who are, you know, just, just like on fire for him. So does that sound accurate?

[@1:14:41](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4481.52) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

That is a, so there's multiple layers, if you will. That is what I would call the typical approach to this scripture, and there's nothing wrong with that, because God's word is a multi-layer cake.

You take the first layer in its strawberry, you take the next layer in its lemon, but you combine the two and you get like this amazing flavor.

right? So people have been teaching this the one layer, which is what you just described, and there's nothing wrong with that.

There's truth in that. But I'm going expand the truth and help you see that the next layer to this is personal.

So we look at the Scriptures being external, those who are broken, those who are on fire for God, instead of taking it to others.

Am I being able to recognize when others are broken and I'm allowing God's Spirit to minister through me to meet that need?

Am I recognizing when people are like so hyped up that they need to be cooled down a little bit, you know, in my perspective about God?

Am I allowing God to just move through me, His Spirit, to meet the needs that are around me? Does that make a little more sense?

[@1:16:00](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4560.0) - **Britt Topp**

Yeah, yeah, thank you.

[@1:16:02](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4562.56) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Sure. All right. Anybody else? Otherwise, let's close with the word of prayer and then we'll get into some prayer requests.

Okay.

[@1:16:12](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4572.16) - **JOHNBABU**

I like your next question today about overlap. It's really fantastic. My book study today has experienced you all today and I believe that I'm blessed with the word of today.

And as a God style, as a God child, we should be, we should love the God commandments and be like whether hot or cold, but not like a lukewarm.

So, I'm sorry, I came late even. I'm so blessed, I think.

[@1:17:01](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4621.9) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Thank you. Thank you, I really appreciate you being here. Thank you for sharing. I appreciate that Let's close out with a word of prayer Lord Jesus.

Thank you for the revelation and taking us deeper into who you are And what you desire to do in our lives God just to help us to carry this with us.

We don't want to lose this Lord the impact that you've had on us Look how we want to put it in a practice in our lives So remind us to just yield to your Holy Spirit to die to self to say you're in control God whenever the situations are that we're facing personally or that we see others God ministered to us so we can also minister to others God because it's about being connected to each other and about being connected to you God we love you.

We praise you. We give you glory. Thank you God in Jesus' name Amen Well as always also want to take prayer requests So if there's anything specific that somebody would like a prayer about, you know, let's let's talk about that

We need to pray about today.

[@1:18:05](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4685.5) - **JOHNBABU**

Sir, I have one prayer request, my wife, my wife is with me, and sorry, yeah, what's the change?

[@1:18:17](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4697.42) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

What, I'm sorry, John, what's her name?

[@1:18:19](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4699.98) - **JOHNBABU**

Sir, sir, her name is Blessy, sir, Blessy, her name is Blessy. And we, yeah, we both are married last year, 2003 at the month of May.

So, now, yeah, now she is pregnant, I think second month, yeah, I think second month, so kindly pray for her and pray for me and my family, and we are doing ministry here in India.

I'm an assistant pastor here in India. working in church and constructing, I mean, building the Lord, building many souls, saving many souls from the Lord.

So pray for us.

[@1:19:13](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4753.04) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yes. Definitely. Congratulations.

[@1:19:15](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4755.26) - **JOHNBABU**

Yes. Thank you.

[@1:19:19](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4759.16) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

And we'll pray for that, definitely.

[@1:19:21](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4761.28) - **JOHNBABU**

Okay. Anybody else have a pregnancy or a prayer request?

[@1:19:30](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4770.98) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

It could be simple as a toothache. It could be as big as, you know, needing a financial miracle. mean, God is no respecter of our prayer request.

He'll hear them all. He'll answer them all. No matter how big or small, you might think it might be.

So one last opportunity, any kind of prayer request here.

[@1:19:55](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4795.14) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah, Rick, for wisdom to be able to discern. what to use and when when you're ministering to people when I'm ministering to people and how to shine like that like so that people are drawn to Jesus.

[@1:20:15](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4815.92) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

It's kind of like having the right tool in the toolbox for the right job right got it we'll pray about that for sure anybody else.

Okay right we'll see you later. All right let's pray for these these requests Lord Jesus you know us you see us you understand us you you are compassionate towards us Lord I lift up John and his wife blessing Lord I just pray that Lord they've experienced one year of marriage what a great thing bless their anniversary and now you're blessing them with child Lord I pray for a hedge protection on that child and that pregnancy that the morning sickness would just leave her that she would no longer feel that morning sickness that she would be strengthened and healed and get the nutrition that she needs for the child.

God I ask for blessings for financially upon John and his wife that they'd be able to provide for their family, that Lord, there would be miracles, signs and wonders to build not only their faith through this process, through this birth, but Lord God that because of it, their church would also be moved in a mighty way, acknowledging what you're doing in their lives, acknowledging your miracles, the signs and the wonders that others would be drawn to you because of it.

I thank you for what you're going to do. I trust you, God, for their marriage and for their lives and for their new child in Jesus' name.

Lord, I lift up Laurie. I pray for wisdom, as she said, because we all need wisdom. I pray for all Lord God that you give us the discernment when we encounter somebody that we would recognize what it is and that they need and how to provide it through your spirit, Lord.

Lord, give us the right words. We don't have to trust in our own words. We can rely on you that you'll give us the right words, that you'll give us the right, even the right movements of our bodies, the right expression that we're facing.

faces, God to be able to connect and relate your word and your spirit to others so that they too will experience your comfort.

I thank you, God, for moving through us and drawing others to you in Jesus' name. Well, thank you for coming, everyone.

I appreciate you sticking it out, and I appreciate you being here. We love you. We really do. thank you for supporting, focusing on the state of tell friends, tell family.

We'll meet again in a few weeks, okay? God bless. Bye bye.

[@1:22:33](https://fathom.video/share/Mf2HFm2VQ9WtA14mKFeVpSxeB-7NZgVH?timestamp=4953.26) - **JOHNBABU**

Thank you for being here. God bless.