

## What Kind Are You?

Revelation 3:15-16 says, *"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 thee out of my mouth."* Jesus addressed three types of Christians which are still present in congregations today. Which type are you?

First, there are Christians whom you can always count on. When there is work to be done, when a volunteer is needed, or when a need must be met, they carry their own weight and help others carry theirs (Galatians 6:2, 5). There is never a doubt about their commitment. Their obvious zeal serves as an encouragement to others. You never wonder where they stand because they demonstrate their faith in every way. They are the "core" of any faithful congregation. Without them, important work would never get done, and the church simply would not do well. Thank God for all such brethren. May their tribe increase!

Second, there are other Christians in local congregations who have little if any connection to its real work. They never are around if there is work to be done, and they do not volunteer to help with any effort. It is impossible to count on these people to attend the services regularly. Almost anything can serve as an excuse for them to miss assemblies (Hebrews 10:25). If they do not even assemble faithfully, we wonder if they are really doing anything in service to the Lord.

Third, there are Christians who are "riding the fence." They want to give the impression that they are faithful and involved, but in reality their lives are full of compromise. They vocally claim allegiance to Christ, but they cannot be counted on to consistently put God's kingdom first (Matthew 6:33).

Our Lord described these three kinds of Christians as "hot," "cold," and "lukewarm." Let us all do some careful and humble introspection to find out which term describes us.

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