

THRACE

The Seven Churches of Revelation

ASIA

AEGEAN SEA

Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

GALATIA

Ephesus

Laodicea

Athens

PATMOS

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The Message to The Churches - Part I -Revelation 2

God Always Has A Message

A. Introduction

1. A threefold interpretation

- a. To the churches themselves**
- b. To the churches which follow**
- c. To church members**

2. The structure of each message

a. The Salutation:

Shows an attribute of Christ/fact that He knows all

b. The Spiritual Condition of the Church

c. An Exhortation To “Overcome”

(With a Specific “Reward”)

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B. The Letter to Ephesus (2:1-7)

Serving With the Wrong Motive

1. A Tenfold Commendation (2:1-6)

2. A Single Flaw (2:4)

Ephesians 1:15

3. A Warning (2:6)

1 Samuel 15:22, 1 John 5:3

4. A challenge (2:7)

1 John 5:4-5

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C. The Letter to Smyrna (2:8-11)

Suffering With Christ

1. Commended for three things (9) - No flaw

2 Peter 3:14

2. Christ's Commitment to the Suffering Saint (10-11)

James 1:12

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D. The Letter to Pergamos (2:12-17)

The Church in a Spiritual Doctrinal Battle

1. The Faithful Soldiers - (2:13)

Three Commendations

2. The Fallen Soldiers (2:14-15)

Accepting Wrong Doctrine

a. Wrong doctrine is either not scriptural or undermines God's authority

b. The Doctrine of Balaam (2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11)

c. The Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes

3. The Exhortation (2:16-17)

The Overcomer (Victor) Will Get A White Stone

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E. The Letter to Thyatira (2:18-29)

1. A. Six commendations (2:18-19)

2. Four flaws – The Doctrine of Jezebel (2:20-21)

3. Threefold Warning of Judgment (2:22-23)

4. The message to the faithful (2:24-28)

a. Encouragement (2:24-26)

b. Empowerment (2:26-27)

c. Expectation (2:28)

F. Action Point

Revelation 2:29

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Message to The Churches - Part II

Revelation 3

What does God see when He looks at us

I. The Letter to Sardis (3:1-6)

The Dead Church

A. What you are (3:1)

Revelation 3:1

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Mark 12:27

He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

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I. The Letter to Sardis (3:1-6)

The Dead Church

B. The Remedy Prescribed (3:2-3)

Revelation 3:2-3

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

I. The Letter to Sardis (3:1-6)

The Dead Church

C. There is still a pulse (3:4)

Revelation 3:4

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

I. The Letter to Sardis (3:1-6)

The Dead Church

D. It is not too late (3:5)

Revelation 3:5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

I. The Letter to Sardis (3:1-6)

The Dead Church

E. Are we like Sardis? (3:6)

Revelation 3:6

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Hebrews 9:14

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

II. The Letter to Philadelphia (3:7-13)

The Faithful Church

Revelation 3:7-13

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

II. The Letter to Philadelphia (3:7-13)

The Faithful Church

Revelation 3:7-13 - continued

- 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.**
- 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

II. The Letter to Philadelphia (3:7-13)

The Faithful Church

Revelation 3:7-13 - continued

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.



II. The Letter to Philadelphia (3:7-13)

The Faithful Church

- A. When you are right with God you see Him as He is**

- B. When you are right with God you are His example**
 - 1. I know thy works**
 - 2. I have set before thee an open door**
 - 3. For thou hast a little strength (dunamin)**
 - 4. And hast kept my word**
 - 5. And hast not denied my name**
 - 6. Behold, I will make them to come and worship
before thy feet, and to know that I have loved you**
 - 7. You have kept the word of my patience**

II. The Letter to Philadelphia (3:7-13)

The Faithful Church

C. When you are right with God will be His testimony

1. I make you a pillar in the temple of my God

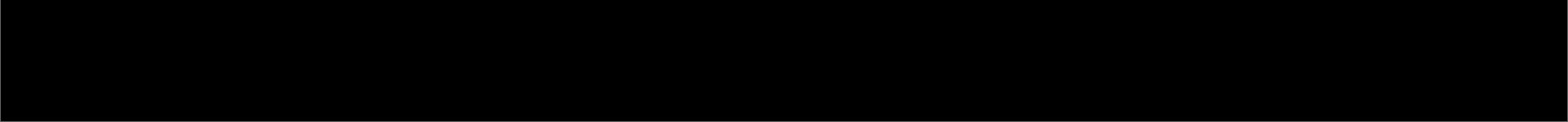
2. You will be always in His presence

3. You will have the Father's name

4. You will have the Bride's name

5. You will have Christ's name

D. Do you like what you could hear?





III. The Letter to Laodicea - (3:14-22)

The Complacent Church

A. You do not know who you are (3:14-17)

Revelation 3:14-17

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

III. The Letter to Laodicea - (3:14-22)

The Complacent Church

B. You better find out what you really need (3:18-20)

Revelation 3:18-20

18 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 eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

III. The Letter to Laodicea - (3:14-22)

The Complacent Church

C. You need to realize what you can still become (3:21)

Revelation 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

D. Do you hear God speak?

Revelation 3:22

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

