

Timeless
Truths
for the Church
Then and Now

SUMMARY OF THE 7 CHURCHES

Revelation 2 – 3

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."
Revelation 3:22 (KJV)

Seven Churches
One Lord
One Message
for Every Generation

EPHESUS

Revelation 2:1–7



Positive:

- Good works
- Patience and endurance
- Cannot bear evil
- Tested false teachers
- Not grown weary

Negative:

- Left first love

Call:

- Remember, repent, and do the first works

Promise: Tree of life

SMYRNA

Revelation 2:8–11



Positive:

- Faithful under tribulation
- Endured poverty (but rich)

Negative:

- None

Call:

- Be faithful unto death

Promise:

- Crown of life; not hurt by the second death

PERGAMOS

Revelation 2:12–17



Positive:

- Hold fast His name
- Did not deny the faith
- Antipas, faithful witness

Negative:

- Tolerates Balaam's doctrine (idols/fornication)
- Tolerates the Nicolaitans

Call: Repent, or He will fight with the sword of His mouth

Promise: Hidden manna; white stone with a new name

THYATIRA

Revelation 2:18–29



Positive:

- Works, charity, service, faith, patience
- Last to be more than the first

Negative:

- Tolerates the Jezebel spirit (false teaching and immorality)

Call: Repent

Promise: Authority; rule with Him; morning star

SARDIS

Revelation 3:1–6



Positive:

- A few have not defiled their garments

Negative:

- Dead works; spiritually dead (reputation alive, but actually dead)

Call: Watch, strengthen what remains, repent

Promise: Walk with Him in white; name in the Book of Life; not blotted out

PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 3:7–13



Positive:

- Kept His word
- Has a little strength
- Not denied His name
- Kept His patience

Negative:

- None

Call: Hold fast

Promise: Open door; kept from the hour of trial; pillar in the temple; new name

LAODICEA

Revelation 3:14–22



Positive:

- None

Negative:

- Lukewarm; self-sufficient; spiritually blind, poor, naked

Call:

- Be zealous, repent, buy from Him

Promise: Sup with Him; sit with Him on His throne

1 Why does Revelation start with the messages to the churches?

- Remember we are studying theology
 - Who is Jesus Christ.
- Revelation opens with Christ walking among the 7 candlesticks, the churches as the High Priest.

It begins with the Church because the book is ultimately about Christ—and His relationship with His people.

2 The Pictures

- He is Holy.
- He is Glorified.
- He has the authority to Judge & Reward.
 - Because He died on Calvary.



3 His address to the churches

- It is specific, not general.
- It is tailored to each church.
 - It is based on historical context.
 - It is based on their specific needs.
- 4 churches had positive and negative.
- 2 churches had no negatives.
- 1 church had no positive.

Christ knows His church. He speaks to real people in real situations.

4 In all this we see:

- Jesus loves the church (People in the church).
- He will judge.
- But He desires to restore.

Revelation's messages are not just criticism—they are a call to repentance, renewal, and restoration by a loving Lord.

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