

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2-3

1. Ephesus (2:1-7)

- a. Problem – They were doing all the right things (i.e. – labor, perseverance, hate evil, found false apostles), but they forgot why they are to do these things (love for God).
- b. Solution – Repent, remember what it was like when they first heard the Gospel of Jesus, and do the things they first did when they believed.

2. Smyrna (2:8-11)

- a. Problem – Not really a problem, but they will be facing afflictions in the near future because of the Gospel of Jesus
- b. Solution – Prove to be faithful until death.

3. Pergamum (2:12-17)

- a. Problem – they live in a very pagan city and they are allowing their culture to influence their understanding of the Gospel of Jesus
- b. Solution – Repent and hold onto the Gospel of Jesus alone, not Jesus plus anything else.

4. Thyatira (2:18-29)

- a. Problem – sin is wide spread in the church, only a few are truly following Jesus
- b. Solution – Jesus' judgment is coming (sickness and death) unto those who live a lifestyle of sin. Hold onto the Gospel of Jesus.

5. Sardis (3:1-6)

- a. Problem – Look good on the outside (a good reputation), but really are dead
- b. Solution – Remember when they first heard the Gospel of Jesus, repent and hold onto the Gospel of Jesus

6. Philadelphia (3:7-13)

- a. Problem – Not really a problem, but they are few in numbers and they have kept God's Word and have followed Jesus
- b. Solution – Keep following the Gospel of Jesus and Jesus will keep them

7. Laodicea (3:14-22)

- a. Problem – Because of their lack of enthusiasm for God, they are not even aware of their current condition before God
- b. Solution – Get serious about the Gospel of Jesus