



Sermon Notes

8/9/26

Part 1: EPHESUS – The Loveless Church

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Key Passages: Revelation 2:1-7

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What is God speaking to you?

THE SEVEN CHURCHES REVELATION 2-3

1 EPHEBUS (2:1-7)

Positives = toil and patient endurance for Jesus' sake, abhorrence of evil and false teaching

Negatives = abandoned first love

Command = remember, repent and return to previous good works

Disobedience = will have their lampstand removed

Obedience = will eat from the tree of life

2 SMYRNA (2:8-11)

Positives = enduring opposition and slander and being spiritually rich

Negatives = none

Command = be faithful to the point of death

Disobedience = none

Obedience = will be given the crown of life and will not be hurt by the second death

3 PERGAMUM (2:12-17)

Positives = holding fast to Jesus' name and not denying his faith

Negatives = some have accepted false teaching

Command = repent

Disobedience = will face war from the sword of Jesus' mouth

Obedience = will be given hidden manna and a white enscripted stone

4 THYATIRA (2:18-29)

Positives = love, faith, service and faithful endurance

Negatives = toleration of false teaching, idolatry and sexual immorality

Command = reject false teaching and hold fast to Jesus

Disobedience = tribulation and death

Obedience = will be given authority over the nations and given the morning star



5 SARDIS (3:1-6)

Positives = none

Negatives = spiritually dead and incomplete in works

Command = wake up, strengthen faith and repent

Disobedience = will be opposed by Jesus who will come like a thief

Obedience = will walk with Jesus, be clothed in white, will have names in the book of life and confessed by him before the Father and angels

6 PHILADELPHIA (3:7-13)

Positives = kept Jesus' word, not denied his name and patiently endured

Negatives = none

Command = hold fast

Disobedience = none

Obedience = will be kept from the hour of trial, made a pillar in the temple of God and have the name of God, New Jerusalem and Jesus written on them

7 LAODICEA (3:14-22)

Positives = none

Negatives = spiritually lukewarm, wretched, pitiable, poor and blind; need to buy spiritual gold and salve to become spiritually rich, clothed and seeing

Command = be zealous, repent and hear Jesus' voice

Disobedience = (spat out)

Obedience = will eat with Jesus and sit with him on his throne

PATMOS (1:9)

An Aegean island south of Samos, where prisoners were exiled by the Roman authorities. John was sent here 'on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus' (1:9) and received his prophetic revelation during this stay.