

## THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION 2-3

CHURCH	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST	PRAISE FOR THE CHURCH	REBUKE / CRITICISM	SOLUTION	PENALTY FOR DISOBEDIENCE	PROMISE TO OVER-COMERS
EPHESUS	2:1-7	Holds the 7 stars in His right hand; walks among 7 golden lampstands	Toil; patient endurance; sound doctrine; intolerant of error	Abandoned the love they had at first	Remember, repent, and do the works done at first	Lampstand removed	Granted to eat of the Tree of Life in the paradise of God
SMYRNA	2:8-11	The First and Last; Who died and came to life	Spiritually rich; enduring persecution	NONE	Do not fear; be faithful unto death	N/A	Crown of life; unhurt by second death
PERGAMUM	2:12-17	Him who has the sharp two-edged sword	Hold fast My name; did not deny faith	False Teaching – Balaam, Nicolaitans	Repent	War against them with the sword of Christ's mouth	Given hidden manna and a white stone with a new name on it
THYATIRA	2:18-29	Eyes like a flame of fire; feet like burnished bronze	Growing love, as evidenced in deeds of service	Lack of discernment; toleration of heresy	Hold fast and keep Christ's work till the end	Each given as their work deserves	Will be given the morning star and authority over the nations
SARDIS	3:1-6	Has the 7 Spirits of God and the seven stars	NONE (only a few individuals mentioned as being unstained)	Dead works (alive in name/reputation only)	Wake up , strengthen what remains, remember, keep, repent,	Christ will come like a thief	Clothed in white; name not blotted out; confessed before Father/angels
PHILADELPHIA	3:7-13	The Holy One; Who has the key of David; Who opens/shuts	Kept My Word; not denied My name;	NONE	Hold fast what you have	N/A	Made Pillar in the temple of God; inscribed w/names of God, the New Jerusalem, and Christ
LAODICEA	3:14-22	The Amen; The Faithful and True Witness; Beginning of God's creation	NONE	Spiritually Blind; Bankrupt, Naked; Lukewarm	Buy gold, white garments and salve from Christ; be zealous and repent	Will be spit out of Christ's mouth	Will be granted to sit with Christ on His throne