

### Jesus' Message to the Seven Churches

Church	Character	Christ	Commendation	Rebuke	Exhortation	Promise	Consequence
Ephesus	Orthodox but. Lost-love Church	Holds the 7 stars in His right hand and walks among the 7 golden lamp stands	Good deeds Hard work Perseverance Does not tolerate wicked men. Hates practices of the Nicolaitans	Lost first love	Remember Repent Repeat the things you did at first.	Grant to eat of the tree of life	Sudden judgement & removal of their lamp stand-Christian witness
Smyrna	Suffering Church	The First and the Last, who died and came to life again	Your tribulation. Your poverty Your spiritual riches Your testing	None	Do not be afraid of what about to suffer. Will suffer for 10 days - limited. Be faithful, even to the point of death.	Crown of life Not hurt by 2nd death	
Pergamum	Compromising Church	Has the sharp double-edged sword	Difficulty of their situation - lived where Satan has his throne. Saints for being true.	Compromise with pagan morality & departure from biblical faith - Balaam &	Repent!	Hidden manna & white stone with a new name written on it	Will come suddenly & fight with sword of My mouth (judge them)
Thyatira	Tolerant, Permissive Church	The Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished brass	Love, faith, service & perseverance; Doing more than at first.	Tolerate Jezebel who teaches & leads astray so commits acts of immorality & eat things sacrificed to idols	Unfaithful: Repent! Faithful: Hold fast until I return in judgement & place no other burden on you	Authority over the nations & the morning star	Sickness, Death, Chastening. Judgement so dramatic that all the churches would know that Christ is the One who searches hearts and minds
Sardis	Dead Church	Holds the seven spirits of God & the seven stars	None. (Have reputation are alive but you are dead)	Dead Deeds are not completed in the sight of My God	Wake up from spiritual slumber. Strengthen life they still had. Remember. obey	Clothed in white garments. Name in book of life. Acknowledge them before	Will come suddenly & unexpectedly & destroy the Church at Sardis
Philadelphia	Faithful Church	Holy and true, holds the key of David	Know your deeds. Know you have little strength. Kept My word & not denied Jesus' name. Endures patiently.	None	Adversaries to be humbled. Kept from the Tribulation Period. Hold fast; I am returning suddenly & quickly.	Will be pillars in the temple. The name of God, of the New Jerusalem & Christ's new name, will be written on them.	
Laodicea	Lukewarm, Useless Church	The Amen, the faithful & true witness, the Ruler of God's creation		Lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. Wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, & naked	Buy from Christ refined gold, white clothes & eye slave. Be earnest & repent	Will eat with Christ. Will rule with Christ.	

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Church	Character	Meaning of Their Name	Approximate Dates	Time Period	Characteristic
<b>Ephesus</b>	Orthodox but. Lost-love Church	Beloved or Desired	Pentecost to 100 A.D.	Apostolic Period	Time of sowing, organization & evangelism
<b>Smyrna</b>	Suffering Church	Myrrh or Bitterness	Nero to 300 A.D.	Martyr Period	Persecution Enemy revealed
<b>Pergamum</b>	Compromising Church	Thoroughly Married	300 to 800 A.D.	Decreasing spirituality & increasing worldliness	Worldly alliance. Great external growth.
<b>Thyatira</b>	Tolerant, Permissive Church	Continual Sacrifice	800 to 1517	Middle Ages/ Dark Ages	Rise of papal church; universal authority & cruel persecution of the saints of God. Doctrinal Corruption. Empty profession. Rise of the state church.
<b>Sardis</b>	Dead Church	Those Escaping Renovation	Reformation	Reformation	God's intervention in grace & power to cripple papal authority & introduce into Europe the light which was dimmed for 300 years
<b>Philadelphia</b>	Faithful Church	Brotherly Love	The Last Days	Reformation	True Church of the last days
<b>Laodicea</b>	Lukewarm, Useless Church	People Ruling	Last Days	Apostasy	Present general state of the professing Church - lukewarm or Christless