

Revelation 2 The Churches Reviewed By God

Revelation 2:1-29

A. The Church at Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7)

1. The Good

1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus(**permitted**) write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

a. You're a Hard **Working** Church

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience(**consistency**),

b. You're a **Separated** to God Church

and how thou canst not bear(**support**) them which are evil: and thou hast tried(**tested**) them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

c. You're a **Consistent** Church

3 And hast borne(**carried**), and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

2. The Bad – You left the first, **special** love! (Love is now a **duty** only)

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love(**agape – God's love**).

3. The Fix

a. **Remember** what you were

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent,

b. Do the First Work – (**Serve God cause you want to**)

and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

c. Continue the **stand for right**

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans(**destruction of people**), which I also hate.

4. Reward – **Nourishment**

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh(**conqueror**) will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

B. The Church at Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11)

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna(**myrrh**) write; These things saith the first and the last, **which was dead, and is alive;**

1. The Good - You're a **suffering Church**

9 **I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)**

2. The Bad - You're a verbally **attacked Church**

and I know the **blasphemy(slanderosus speech)** of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

3. The Fix – **Don't fear**

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death,

4. The Reward – **Eternal life**

and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.**

C. The Church of Pergamos (Revelation 2:12-17)

1. The **Good**

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos(**height, or elevation**) write; **These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;**

a. You're a **physically attacked Church**

13 I know **thy works**, and where **thou dwellest**, even **where Satan's seat is:**

b. You're a **faithful Church**

and **thou holdest fast my name**, and **hast not denied my faith**, even in those days wherein **Antipas was my faithful martyr**, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

2. The Bad

a. You've allowed yourself **to be led astray**

14 **But I have a few things against thee**, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of **Balaam(perhaps)**, who taught **Balac** to cast a **stumblingblock** before the children of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed unto idols**,

b. You've taught **others it's ok**

and to **commit fornication(sexual sins)**.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

3. The Fix – repent = change your mind!

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

4. The Reward

a. Special Nourishment – The Food of Angels

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna,

b. Special Name - A White Stone with a new name
and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

D. The Church at Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29)

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira(odor of affliction) write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

1. The Good

a. You're a working Church

19 I know thy works,

b. You're a loving Church
and charity,

c. You're a Serving Church
and service, and faith,

d. You're a Consistent Church
and thy patience, and thy works(consistent); and the last to be more than the first.

2. The Bad

a. Allowed false teaching

[20] Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

b. Refused to repent

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And **I will kill her children with death**; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and **I will give unto every one of you according to your works**.

3. The Fix

a. **Hold Fast**

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; **I will put upon you none other burden**.

25 But that which ye have already **hold fast till I come**.

b. **Overcome & Obey**

26 And he that **overcometh**, and **keepeth my works** unto the end,

4. The Reward

a. God will **rule**

to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And **he shall rule them** with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers(**small pieces depending on God**): even as I received of my Father.

b. Given a **Morning Star**

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.