

THE SEVEN CHURCHES REVELATION 2-3

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1 EPHEBUS (2:1-7)

Positives = toil & patient endurance for Jesus' sake, abhorrence of evil & false teaching
Negatives = abandoned first love
Command = remember, repent & 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 & slander & being spiritually rich
Negatives = none
Command = be faithful to the point of death
Disobedience = none
Obedience = will be given crown of life & will not hurt by the second death

3 PERGAMUM (2:12-17)

Positives = holding fast to Jesus' name & 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 & a white encribed stone

4 THYATIRA (2:18-29)

Positives = love, faith, service & faithful endurance
Negatives = toleration of false teaching, idolatry & sexual immorality
Command = reject false teaching & hold fast to Jesus
Disobedience = tribulation & death
Obedience = will be given authority over the nations & given the morning star



5 SARDIS (3:1-6)

Positives = none
Negatives = spiritually dead & incomplete in works
Command = wake up, strengthen faith & 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 & confessed by Jesus before the Father & angels

6 PHILADELPHIA (3:7-13)

Positives = kept Jesus' word, not denied his name & 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 & have name of God, New Jerusalem & Jesus written on them

7 LAODICEA (3:14-22)

Positives = none
Negatives = spiritually lukewarm, wretched, pitiable, poor, blind & naked
Command = buy spiritual gold & salve to become spiritually rich, clothed & seeing
Disobedience = be zealous, repent & hear Jesus' voice
Obedience = will eat with Jesus & 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) & received his prophetic revelation during this stay.