

# Christ Evaluates His Churches, Pt 1 (Revelation 2:1-17), March 19, 2023

Church	Description of Christ	Praise from Christ	Rebuke from Christ	Instruction from Christ	Application to All	Conqueror Promise
Ephesus 2:1-7	<i>"The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands" 2:1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good works</li> <li>- Hard work</li> <li>- Patient work</li> <li>- Intolerant of false teachers</li> <li>- Enduring work</li> </ul>	Started to go through the motions rather than serve out of love for Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remember your passionate days</li> <li>- Repent</li> <li>- Return to truly devotional habits</li> <li>- Or I will remove you</li> </ul>	<i>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" 2:7a</i>	<i>"To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" 2:7b</i>
Smyrna 2:8-11	<i>"The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life" 2:8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Faithful through tribulation, poverty, and slander by Satanic forces</li> <li>- Spiritually rich</li> </ul>		You are about to enter a short time of greater suffering, but be faithful even to death	<i>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" 2:11a</i>	<i>"The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death" 2:11b</i>
Pergamum 2:12-17	<i>"The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword" 2:12</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unwavering in their public testimony for Christ`</li> <li>- Did not deny the faith even when one was martyred</li> </ul>	Tolerated bad doctrine and bad teachers which would spread throughout the church	Repent or I will come war with you soon with my sword of judgment	<i>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" 2:17a</i>	<i>"To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it" 2:17b</i>
Thyatira 2:18-29						
Sardis 3:1-6						
Philadelphia 3:7-14						
Laodicea 3:15-22						

- I. The seven churches in Revelation 2-3 were actual churches and they represent the different \_\_\_\_\_ of all churches and believers.
- II. Only Christ \_\_\_\_\_ His churches, their leaders, and their members.
- III. He is aware of our struggles, our victories, and our failures and \_\_\_\_\_ them all.
- IV. His presence in our lives should serve as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. By His \_\_\_\_\_ and by His \_\_\_\_\_ He examines and evaluates our true spiritual condition.
- VI. For the sake of His glory He works in us to make us \_\_\_\_\_.
- VII. Those who respond positively to the instruction of Christ and work to remedy their situation prove that their faith was a saving faith and are considered \_\_\_\_\_ who will enter heaven and all its wonders.