

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION, Chapters 2 & 3

	Sender	Compliment	Criticism	Command	Promise
Ephesus (2:1-7)	The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks in the midst of the seven candlesticks	Reputation for works, labor, and endurance; intolerant of evil; tested false teachers; hated the practices of the Nicolaitans	Abandoned their first love	Remember, repent, and do the works done at first	Given the right to eat from the tree of life
Smyrna (2:8-11)	The First and the Last; was dead and is now alive	Enduring tribulation, poverty, slander, and imprisonment	—	Do not fear persecution, being faithful unto death	Given the crown of life; will not be harmed by the second death.
Pergamum (2:12-17)	The One who has the sharp, double-edged sword	Holding onto Jesus' name; not denying the faith in face of persecution	Tolerating the teachings of Balaam and of the Nicolaitans.	Repent	Given the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name inscribed on it
Thyatira (2:18-29)	Son of God, the One whose eyes are like a fiery flame and feet are like fine bronze	Love, faithfulness, service, and endurance; current works are greater than the first	Tolerating teachings of Jezebel, leading to sexual immorality and idolatry	Repent; hold on to what you already have until I come	Given authority over the nations and the morning star
Sardis (3:1-6)	One who has seven spirits of God and the seven stars	—	Are dead; works are incomplete	Remember what you received, keep it, and repent; be alert	Dressed in white clothes; name secured in book of life; acknowledged before the Father.
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	The Holy One, the True One, the One who has the key of David, who opens and no one closes	Keeping Jesus' word and not denying His name despite limited strength	—	Keep on enduring; hold on to what you have	Kept from the hour of testing; made a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; inscribed with the name of My God and new Jerusalem
Laodicea (3:14-22)	The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Originator of God's creation	—	Neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm; wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked	Buy from Jesus refined gold, white clothes, and ointment for the eyes; be committed and repent	Fellowship with Him; right to sit with Jesus on His throne

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