

THE CHURCH AS A GOLDEN LAMPSTAND

Revelation 1:9-3:22

	Christ	Commendation	Criticism	Warning	Exhortation	Gift
Ephesus (2:1-7)	The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hard work, perseverance ▪ Intolerance of the wicked ▪ Discerning false apostles ▪ Endurance of hardships ▪ Have not grown weary ▪ Hate Nicolaitanism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have forsaken their first love 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jesus will remove their lampstand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remember the height from which they've fallen ▪ Repent ▪ Do the things they did at first ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will receive the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God
Smyrna (2:8-11)	The one who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enduring afflictions ▪ Enduring poverty ▪ Truly rich ▪ Enduring slander from the synagogue of Satan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not fear suffering ▪ Do not fear prison ▪ Do not fear persecution ▪ Be faithful even to death ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will receive the crown of life, and will not be hurt at all by the second death
Pergamum (2:12-17)	The one who has the sharp, double-edged sword	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faithfulness amidst Satanic hostility and persecution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some adhere to Baalism ▪ Tolerance of syncretism and sexual immorality ▪ Some adhere to Nicolaitan teachings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jesus will come and fight against them with the sword of his mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Repent ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will receive some of the hidden manna, and a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the recipient
Thyatira (2:18-29)	The one who is the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Love and faith ▪ Service and perseverance ▪ Expansion of ministry labors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A tolerance of Jezebel ▪ A tolerance of syncretism and sexual immorality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A severe judgment of suffering will come upon Jezebel, her consorts, and their children ▪ All churches will know that Jesus searches hearts and repays evil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Repent of Jezebel's ways ▪ Do not hold to Jezebel's teachings or learn Satan's 'deep secrets' ▪ Hold on to what they have ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will receive the morning star, and authority over the nations, just as Jesus has received authority from his Father
Sardis (3:1-6)	The one who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some have not soiled their garments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Having a reputation for being alive but are really dead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jesus will come in judgment like a thief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wake up ▪ Strengthen what remains ▪ Complete their deeds ▪ Remember and obey what they have received ▪ Repent ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will walk with Jesus, dressed in white, his name never blotted from the book of life, but acknowledged before the Father and his angels
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	The one who is holy and true, who holds the key of David—what he opens no one can shut, what he shuts no one can open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have kept Christ's word ▪ Have not denied Christ's name despite having little strength 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold on and know that their tormentors will fall at their feet and admit that Christ has loved them ▪ Know that they will be kept from the trial coming upon the whole world ▪ Let no one take their crown ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will become a pillar in the temple of God, which he will never leave, and will have written on him the name of God, the name of the city of God (the new Jerusalem), and the new name of Christ
Laodicea (3:14-22)	The one who is the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being lukewarm, neither cold nor hot ▪ Being deceived about their own spiritual wealth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jesus is about to spit them out of his mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buy from Jesus gold refined in the fire ▪ Cover their shameful nakedness ▪ Open the door and let Jesus come in ▪ Listen to the Spirit 	Will receive the right to sit with Christ on his throne, just as he overcame and sat down with his Father on his throne