

1. Read Revelation 2:1-7. Make some observation about what stands out to you in the passage.
2. How important is love in our relationship with Christ? Can we know Christ without loving Him?
3. Read Revelation 2:8-11. Why do you think Jesus did not have any concerns that needed correction concerning the church at Smyrna?
4. How does suffering for Christ change things for God’s people?
5. What does it mean to be spiritually rich?
6. Read Revelation 2:12-17. Why is Pergamum known as the compromising church?
7. When is it good to compromise and when is it not?
8. Read Revelation 2:18-29. Why is Thyatira known as the tolerant church as why is this a bad thing?
9. What is wrong with the tolerance taught today in our culture?
10. Pray that we can make a difference in our lives and collectively as His church!

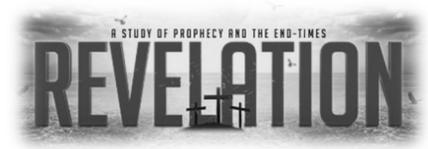
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Answers to fill in the blanks:
 EPHEBUS: LOST LOVE CHURCH 1. EARS TO HEAR 2. BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF
 GOD 3. LOVE 4. DUTY, DEVOTION
 SMYRNA: SUFFERING CHURCH 1. TRUE 2. TRIAL, NEED 3. KINDS OF RICHES
 PERGAMUM: COMPROMISING CHURCH 1. MARTYRED 2. NICOLAUS 3. WISE, WORLDLY 4.
 MORAL
 THYATIRA: TOLERANT CHURCH 1. SINFUL BEHAVIOR 2. BIBLE 3. RATIONALIZE

Sermon Study Guide

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LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES, PART ONE REVELATION 2

EPHESUS: THE _____ CHURCH REVELATION 2:1-7

To:	The angel of the church at Ephesus
From:	The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lampstands
Commendations:	1) Good Works 2) Endurance in trials 3) Standing against false doctrine
Concern:	Abandoned their first love
Corrections:	1) Remember – Your love for the Lord 2) Repent – A true inward change 3) Repeat – Renew unity and truth
One Who Conquers:	I will give the right to eat from the tree of life in the Paradise of God

1. Each of the seven letters includes a phrase at the end or near the end:
 “Let anyone who has _____ listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.”
2. Who is the one who conquers?
 1 John 5:5 (CSB)
 5 Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who _____.
3. Ephesus – Church with everything but the greatest thing – _____
4. Is our relationship with Jesus Christ characterized by _____
 or _____?

SMYRNA: THE _____ CHURCH
REVELATION 2:8-11

To:	The angel of the church at Smyrna
From:	The First and the Last, one who was dead and came back to life
Commendation:	I know your affliction and poverty, but you are rich
Content:	I know the slander by Jews of the synagogue of Satan, don't be afraid, the devil is throwing some of you in prison, be faithful to the point of death and Christ will give the crown of life
Concern:	None
Correction:	None
One Who Conquers:	Will never be harmed by the second death

1. A life of ease and monetary wealth is not being rich, _____ riches are found only in Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus knows every _____, every _____, so we do not have to fear! (Hebrews 13:5-6)
3. What _____ are we pursuing in life?

PERGAMUM: THE _____ CHURCH
REVELATION 2:12-17

To:	The angel of the church at Pergamum
From:	The one who has the sharp, double-edged sword
Commendation:	1) You are holding on to My name 2) You did not deny your faith even when Antipas was martyred
Content:	Where Satan's throne is
Concern:	You have some who hold to the teaching of Balaam (Numbers 22-23) and the Nicolaitans
Correction:	Repent or I will fight against them
One Who Conquers:	I will give hidden manna and a white stone with a new name known only by the recipient

1. Antipas – Church leader at Pergamum _____ for sharing his faith.
2. Nicolaitans – Followers of _____ of Antioch mentioned in Acts 6:5. Nicolaitans encouraged syncretism.
3. _____ compromise gives up personal preferences and selfish desires, _____ compromise surrenders truth for a lie.
4. What _____ compromises are causing us to drift away from Christ?

THYATIRA: THE _____ CHURCH
REVELATION 2:18-29

To:	The angel of the church at Thyatira
From:	The Son of God, the one whose eyes are like a fiery flame and whose feet are like fine bronze.
Commendation:	I know your Love, faithfulness, service, and endurance, last works greater than first
Concern:	You tolerate Jezebel, calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols
Correction:	Repent, or I will cause great affliction
Content:	I am the one who examines minds and hearts
One Who Conquers:	I will give him authority over the nations as I have received from my Father, I will also give him the morning star

1. Showing Christ's love and compassion does not mean we must tolerate _____.
2. What is taught in church must always line up with the _____.
3. What sins in our lives do we tolerate and _____ that it doesn't hurt anyone?