

1. Read Revelation 2:18-29. Why is Thyatira known as the tolerant church?
2. What is wrong with the tolerance of Thyatira and the tolerance in our culture today? How does this challenge us personally?
3. Read Revelation 3:1-6. When a church is dead, what are we really saying?
4. What are the keys to staying alive as a church and as a believer?
5. Read Revelation 3:7-13. What is faithful about the church at Philadelphia?
6. How is the rapture taught in this passage and how does that encourage us to live for Christ?
7. Read Revelation 3:14-22. Why did the church at Laodicea make the Lord vomit? What do we learn from this?
8. What is encouraging in this letter to us today?
9. Discuss how these letters challenge us to live for Christ, and close in prayer.

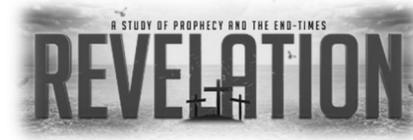
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Answers to fill in the blanks:  
 THYATIRA: THE TOLERANT CHURCH 1. SINFUL BEHAVIOR 2. BIBLE 3. RATIONALIZE  
 SARDIS: THE DEAD CHURCH 1. HOLY SPIRIT 2. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST 3. LEFT  
 BEHIND  
 PHILADELPHIA: THE FAITHFUL CHURCH 1. ISAIAH 22:22 2. MINISTRY 3. TRIBULATION 4.  
 EARTHQUAKES 5. BELONG, CITIZENS  
 LAODICEA: THE SELF-SUFFICIENT CHURCH 1. TRUTH 2. INDUSTRIES 3. SICK 4. READY TO  
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# Sermon Study Guide

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## LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES, PART TWO

### REVELATION 2-3

#### THYATIRA: THE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH

##### REVELATION 2:18-29

<b>To:</b>	The angel of the church at Thyatira
<b>From:</b>	The Son of God, eyes like a fiery flame and feet like fine bronze.
<b>Commendation:</b>	I know your Love, faithfulness, service, and endurance, last works greater than first
<b>Concern:</b>	You tolerate Jezebel, calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols
<b>Correction:</b>	Repent, or I will cause great affliction
<b>Content:</b>	I am the one who examines minds and hearts
<b>One Who Conquers:</b>	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?

#### SARDIS: THE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH

##### REVELATION 3:1-6

<b>To:</b>	The angel of the church at Sardis
<b>From:</b>	One who with seven spirits of God and seven stars
<b>Commendation:</b>	You have a few who will walk with Christ in white because they are worthy
<b>Concern:</b>	A reputation for being alive, but you are dead
<b>Correction:</b>	Be alert and strengthen what remains Remember what you received, heard; keep it, repent If not alert, Christ will come like a thief
<b>One Who Conquers:</b>	Will wear white and Christ never erases name from book of life and acknowledges name before the Father and his angels.

1. The “seven spirits of God” refer to the \_\_\_\_\_, and this was what was missing from the church at Sardis. (Romans 8:10)
2. The death of a church begins when they stop teaching \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The spiritually dead church is the church that is \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ returns. What about you?

**PHILADELPHIA: THE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH**

**REVELATION 3:7-13**

<b>To:</b>	The angel of the church at Philadelphia
<b>From:</b>	The holy and true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one closes, and who closes and no one opens
<b>Commendation:</b>	Kept my word, not denied my name, endured
<b>Content:</b>	Open door though little power The synagogue of Satan will bow at your feet, will know that I loved you because you endure, I will keep you from the hour of testing, I am coming soon Hold on to what you have, so that no one takes your crown
<b>One Who Conquers:</b>	Christ makes a pillar in the temple of God, and he will never go out again, Christ will write on him God’s name and the name of God’s city – the New Jerusalem, and Christ’s new name

1. Christ’s description is from \_\_\_\_\_ and speaks of His authority as the Messiah, the promised Davidic King to reign forever.
2. They had an open door of \_\_\_\_\_ because they kept his word and His name though small in number.
3. The faithful church will not go through the hour of testing, which is the \_\_\_\_\_ described in chapters 4-19.

4. Philadelphia suffered through \_\_\_\_\_, but in eternity our new home is secure, never to flee, in fact, we are the pillars!
5. We will have three special names that signify: we \_\_\_\_\_ to God, we are \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven, and we will see him as he is. (1 John 3:2) What or who defines you?

**LAODICEA: THE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH**

**REVELATION 3:14-22**

<b>To:</b>	The angel of the church at Laodicea
<b>From:</b>	The Amen, faithful and true witness, originator of God’s creation
<b>Commendation:</b>	None
<b>Concern:</b>	Neither cold nor hot, but lukewarm You say “I’m rich, need nothing, but don’t realize you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked
<b>Correction:</b>	Buy from me gold refined in the fire to be rich, white clothes so you are not shameful and naked, ointment for seeing, be zealous and repent
<b>Content:</b>	Those I love, I rebuke and discipline, I stand at the door and knock, anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me
<b>One Who Conquers:</b>	I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I also conquered and sat down with my Father

1. “Amen” is Hebrew and is an affirmation of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Three \_\_\_\_\_, finance, wool, and the production of eye salve made them rich.
3. Their spiritual condition was compared to their water supply, and it made the Lord \_\_\_\_\_!
4. Christ stands waiting for us to respond, \_\_\_\_\_ in to our lives. Have you opened the door?