

# Overview of the 7 Churches

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Church	Christ	Compliment
#1. <b>Ephesus</b> Rev. 2:1-7	Holds the 7 stars in his right hand & walks among the 7 lampstands (2:1).	I know all the things you do, your hard work, your patient endurance, you don't tolerate evil people, you have examined & exposed the claims of false teachers. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. (2:2-3, 6).
#2. <b>Smyrna</b> Rev. 2:8-11	The First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive (2:8).	I know your suffering & poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you (2:9).
#3. <b>Pergamum</b> Rev. 2:12-17	The one with the sharp, two-edged sword (2:12).	I know you live in (a hostile area) where Satan's has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me & you refused to deny me (2:13).
#4. <b>Thyatira</b> Rev. 2:18-29	The Son of God, eyes like flames of fire & feet are like polished bronze (2:18).	I know all the things you do, your love, faith, service, patient endurance & constant improvement in all these things (2:19).
#5. <b>Sardis</b> Rev. 3:1-6	The one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the 7 stars (3:1).	I know all the things you do, & you have a reputation of being alive (3:1).
#6. <b>Philadelphia</b> Rev. 3:7-13	The one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David (3:7).	I know all the things you do & I have opened a door for you that no one can close. I know you have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me (3:8).
#7. <b>Laodicea</b> Rev. 3:14-22	The Amen, the faithful & true witness, the beginning (or ruler) of God's new creation (3:14).	(None) - <i>Christ had nothing good to say for an apathetic church.</i>

Criticism	Correction	Consequence
#1 - You don't love me or each other as you did at first! (2:4).	Look how far you have fallen, turn back to me, do the works you did at first, repent (2:5)	Remove your lampstand from its place among the churches if refuse to repent (2:5). <b>Victors:</b> given fruit from the tree of life (2:7).
#2 - (None)	Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer, be faithful under persecution (2:10)	Give you the crown of life (2:10). <b>Victors:</b> not harmed by 2nd death (2:11)
#3 - You tolerate people who teach unbiblical teachings (doctrine) (2:14-15)	Repent of your sin (2:16)	I will come to you and fight against them with the sword of my mouth (2:16). <b>Victors:</b> I will give the hidden manna & a white stone with a new name (2:17).
#4 - Permit (tolerate) sexual sin & eat food offered to idols (2:20-23).	Repent & hold tightly to what you have until I come (2:21, 24-25).	<b>Victors:</b> Given authority over the nations (Millennium), same authority as Christ received from the Father, & give them the morning star (2:26-28).
#5 - (Superficial & busy) but you are (spiritually) dead (3:1)	Wake up, strengthen what little remains, go back to what you heard and believed at first, hold to it firmly, repent and turn to Christ (3:2-3).	I will come to you suddenly as a thief. The few who have not soiled themselves with evil, will walk with me dressed in white (3:3-4). <b>Victors:</b> I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but will announce before my Father that they are mine (3:5).
#6 - (None)	I am coming soon, hold on to what you have so no one will take away your crown (3:11).	<b>Victors:</b> made pillars in the Temple of my God, will have God's name written on them, citizens of the new Jerusalem, etc. (3:12).
#7 - You are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold (3:15). Don't realize poor spiritual health (3:17).	Buy from Christ gold purified by fire, white garments & ointment for your eyes. Be diligent & turn from your indifference, open your heart's door (3:18-20).	I will spit you out of my mouth (3:16). <b>Victors:</b> will sit with Christ on His throne (3:21).