

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION



EPHESUS

(Rev 2:1-7)
ONCE ON FIRE
FOR CHRIST
BUT NOW
BECOMING
INDIFFERENT

**A BACKSLIDING
CHURCH**

CRITICISM:
"Thou has left
thy first love..."

COUNSEL:
"Remember from
whence thou art
fallen and repent"



SMYRNA

(Rev 2:8-11)
PERSECUTED
POOR BUT EVER
FAITHFUL
AND
RESOLUTE

**A STEADFAST
CHURCH**

NO CRITICISM:

COUNSEL:
"Fear not! Be
faithful unto death
& I will give thee a
Crown of Life!"



PERGAMOS

(Rev 2:12-17)
PERMISSIVE
SHELTERING
FALSE TEACHERS
FOLLOWING
FALSE DOCTRINES

**A LICENTIOUS
CHURCH**

CRITICISM:
"Thou hast them
that hold the
doctrines of
Balaam and the
Nicolaitans..."

COUNSEL:
"Repent, or I will
come unto thee
quiddly!"



THYATIRA

(Rev 2:18-29)
IDOLATROUS
SEDUCED INTO
CORRUPT BELIEFS
AND PAGAN
RITUALS

**A LAX, PAGAN
CHURCH**

CRITICISM:
"Thou suffer that
... Jezebel to teach
and seduce my
servants to commit
fornication..."

COUNSEL:
"Hold fast to what
little ye have till
I come."



SARDIS

(Rev 3:1-6)
A CHURCH
IN NAME ONLY
WITHOUT
RESULTS AND
SPIRITLESS

**A DEAD
CHURCH**

CRITICISM:
"Thou has a name
and thou livest
but art dead. I
have not found
thy works perfect"

COUNSEL:
"Strengthen what
little remains.
Hold fast
and repent"



PHILADELPHIA

(Rev 3:7-13)
EXEMPLORY
FAITHFUL TO
GOD'S WORD
AND FILLED
WITH HIS LOVE

**A FAVORED
CHURCH**

NO CRITICISM:

COUNSEL:
"Hold fast that
which thou hast
that no man
take thy Crown."



LAODICEA

(Rev 3:14-22)
SELF-INDULGENT
RICH AND
OSTENTATIOUS
FULL OF
WORLDLY PRIDE

**A LUKEWARM
CHURCH**

CRITICISM:
"I will spue thee
out of my mouth ...
Thou art wretched
miserable, poor,
blind and naked..."

COUNSEL:
"Buy my gold and
white raiment to
clothe thee ... and
anoint thine eyes"