

INTRODUCTION

- * The Book of Revelation – the Revelation of Jesus Christ ...
- * Our outline ... The Things That Have Been ... The Things That Are ... The Things That Will Be
 ... *A Message to John* ... *A Message to the Churches* ... *A Message of the Future*
- * We have considered “The Things That Have Been” ... we now move into “The Things That Are” ... and Christ's Message to the Churches
- * There are seven churches ... these churches are seven literal historical churches ... not eras of the church age.
 The message to the churches, as other scripture, is applicable to our lives.

INSTRUCTION ... Let's consider now Christ's message to the Church of Ephesus**I. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS (2: 1-7)****A. Christ's Introduction****B. Christ's Commendation**

1. I KNOW YOUR L_____
2. I KNOW YOUR P_____
3. I KNOW YOUR DESIRE FOR P_____NAL PURITY
4. I KNOW YOUR DESIRE FOR D_____NAL PURITY
5. I KNOW YOUR P_____

C. Christ's Challenge

1. THE A_____TION (cf. Matthew 22: 37; I John 4: 19)
2. THE A_____TION
3. THE A_____TION

D. Christ's Promise

II. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF SMYRNA (2: 8-11)

III. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF PERGAMOS (2: 12-17)

IV. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF THYRATIRA (2: 18-29)

V. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF SARDIS (3: 1-6)

VI. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA (3: 7-13)

VII. THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF LAODICEA (3: 14-22)

INTROSPECTION

- ☞ What is your greatest love?
- ☞ Believer, have you lost your first love?
- ☞ How would Christ describe your life?
- ☞ How would Christ describe the life of this church? Is He our first love? Is He still our primary love?