

The Seven Churches Handout

1. The Church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7) – Apostolic Church (30 - 100 A.D.)
 - Commend: You work hard and are patient.
You take a stand against false teachers.
You are preaching the gospel
 - Criticism: You have lost your first love
 - Command: Remember your first love

2. The Church at Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11) – Roman persecution (100-313)
 - Commend: Myrrh; death ointment. You are poor but you are rich
 - Criticism: None
 - Command: Be faithful until death.

3. The Church at Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17) – Age of Constatine (313-600)
 - Commend: I know your stand for truth.
 - Criticism: You have there those who hold the doctrine of Baalam
 - Command: Repent

4. The Church at Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29) – Dark Ages (600-1517)
 - Commend: I know your works, service, faith, patience.
Your works at the last are more than at first.
 - Criticism: Tolerated baptismal regeneration, absolution, confession, indulgences,
transubstantiation, Mariology, purgatory, penance
 - Command: Hold fast until I come.

5. The Church at Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6) – The Reformation (1517-1648)
 - Commend: You have a reputation for being alive
 - Criticism: You are dead.
 - Command: Wake up and strengthen the things that remain, which are about to die.
Remember, obey, and repent.

6. The Church at Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13) – Great Missionary Movement (1648-1900)
 - Commend: You have kept my word and have not denied my name.
 - Criticism: None
 - Command: Hold fast what you have in order that no one take your crown.

7. The Church at Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22) – Church of the apostasy (1900 – present)
 - Commend: None
 - Criticism: You are neither cold nor hot but lukewarm.
You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.
 - Command: Buy from Me gold refined by fire and white garments and eye salve.