

Seven Letters to Seven Real Churches

Revelation 2-3

Church	Exalted Christ	Praise	Rebuke	Command	Promise
“To the angel of the church in...”	“The One who... says this...” See Rev 1:12-20; Rev 1:5-6.	“I know your deeds ...” or “your tribulation” or “where you dwell...”	“I have this against you...”	“He who has an ear..., let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”	“To him who overcomes...”
Ephesus 2:1-7	The One who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holds seven stars ▪ Walks among seven lampstands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deeds: toil, perseverance ▪ Test/judge false teachers ▪ Persevered, endured, not grown weary ▪ Hate deeds of Nicolaitans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Left your first love 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Remember from where you’ve fallen. ▪ Repent, or I will remove lampstand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eat from the tree of life.
Smyrna 2:8-11	The One who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the First & the Last ▪ Was dead; has come to life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tribulation, poverty ▪ Endure false Jews 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. ▪ Be faithful until death, & I will give crown of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not hurt by the second death.
Pergamum 2:12-17	The One who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has the sharp two-edged sword 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dwell where Satan rules & dwells ▪ Hold fast & not deny, even at death of faithful witness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow teachings of Balaam (idolatry & immorality) ▪ Balaam = Nicolaitans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Repent, or I will come quickly to make war with sword of mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will give hidden manna & a white stone with a new name
Thyatira 2:18-29	The Son of God, who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has eyes like a flame of fire ▪ And feet like burnished bronze 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deeds, love, faith, perseverance, service ▪ Deeds greater than at first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tolerate false prophet Jezebel (idolatry & immorality) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Repent, or I will bring tribulation & pestilence according to your deeds. ▪ Hold fast until I come. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will give authority over the nations, just as he was given authority. ▪ Will give morning star.
Sardis 3:1-6	The One who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has the seven Spirits of God ▪ And the seven stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deeds ▪ A few have not soiled garments, but are worthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name indicates life, but you are dead ▪ Deeds not complete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wake up, strengthen what remains ▪ Remember, keep ▪ Repent & wake up, or I will come as a thief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be clothed in white garments ▪ Will not erase name from book of life ▪ Will confess name
Philadelphia 3:7-13	The One who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is holy ▪ Is true ▪ Has the key of David 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deeds ▪ Kept word; not denied name; persevered ▪ So, will spare from world-wide tribulation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold fast, so no one will take your crown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be a pillar in God’s temple ▪ Will write name of God, New Jerusalem & My name on him.
Laodicea 3:14-22	The One who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the Amen ▪ Faith & true witness ▪ Agent of God’s creation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lukewarm ▪ So, I will spit you out of my mouth. ▪ Wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buy refined gold from me, so you may be truly rich ▪ Be zealous & repent ▪ Open door & dine with Me (implied) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sit with me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat with my Father