

## The Churches: Chapter 2 and 3

Three Divisions: **1:19** "thou hast seen, things which are, things which shall be hereafter."

\_\_\_\_\_ **4:1** \_\_\_\_\_ **19:11** \_\_\_\_\_

Define **church**- the collective body of Christians, or of those who profess to believe in Christ, and acknowledge him to be the Savior of mankind. Rev. 1:5b-6, Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37

Repetitiveness: " I know thy works..." (Ephesians 2:8-9); 1 Corinthians 3:11

"To him that **overcomes**..." - to conquer, to be victorious

"He that hath an ear let him hear... - warning, 7 times repeated, repent

There are **good** and **bad** in each church. (Philadelphia)(Smyrna)

The Lord Jesus Christ is **coming** in each church. (Smyrna) (Looking for... Titus 2:13)

### Historical, Doctrinal, and Spiritual

H- it happened in history as it said, where, etc.

D- aimed at a specific person, for a reason, for a truth

S- profitable to reproof, correct, instruct, and apply.

Name	Historical	Doctrinal	Spiritual
Ephesus 2:1-7	Asia Minor John pastored, Paul wrote letter	Early apostles "Desired"	Remember your first love- salvation
Smyrna 2:8-11	Asia Minor Check map	Roman persecution "To smash"	Persecution tried, tribulation
Pergamos 2:12-17	Asia Minor Ruins	Religion merging with world "Much marriage"	Who do you choose?
Thyatira 2:18-29	Asia Minor	Dark Ages "Affliction"	Jezebel influences
Sardis 3:1-6	Asia Minor Ruins	Reformation "Red one, bloody"	Dead but repent and become alive
Philadelphia 3:7-13	Asia Minor	Missions "Brotherly love"	Open door revival
Laodicea 3:14-22	Asia Minor	The Last Days "Civil Rights"	Lukewarm moderate

No matter what, all seven churches end the same.

Revelation 3:20-22

1. 1:12-13 in the midst of the church
2. 1:20 church = to candlesticks/ lampstands
3. 3:20-22 The Lord Jesus Christ in on the outside

The word **church** is not found in the book of Revelation after chapter 3.

## **Homework: Week 2**

### **Covering Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation**

1. Read book of Revelation- focusing on chapters 4 and 5
2. Write out your testimony.
3. Underline spiritual markers on your testimony based on spiritual application from the 7 churches of Revelation.