

## LESSONS FROM 7 CHURCHES, PART 1

The Last Things – God has a plan. We have a hope.

Revelation 1-2

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Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Greeting to the Seven Churches <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

**Revelation 1:3-5 (ESV)**

**Church #1 – Ephesus: The \_\_\_\_\_ Church**

- Takeaway #1 – I can't get so caught up in the busyness of \_\_\_\_\_ that it snuffs out my \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Takeaway #2 – Above everything else, I must keep my \_\_\_\_\_ for God \_\_\_\_\_ in my life.
- Reward (Rev. 2:7) – “To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”
- The Call of God – “He who has an ear, let him \_\_\_\_\_ what the Spirit says to the churches.”

**Church #2 – Smyrna: The \_\_\_\_\_ Church**

- Takeaway – Regardless of what comes against me, I must \_\_\_\_\_ in my faith.
- Reward (Rev. 2:11) - The one who conquers \_\_\_\_\_ by the second death.
- The Call of God – “He who has an ear, let him \_\_\_\_\_ what the Spirit says to the churches.”

**Church #3 – Pergamum: The “Taking \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_” Church**

- Takeaway – It's critical for me to keep my \_\_\_\_\_ and to keep my heart pure.
- Reward (Rev. 2:17) – “To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a \_\_\_\_\_ written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.”
- The Call of God – “He who has an ear, let him \_\_\_\_\_ what the Spirit says to the churches.”