

THY WILL BE DONE · WEEK 08

Behold, I Stand at the Door

Revelation 3:14–22

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We Have Come to the Last Church

Seven letters. Seven warnings. Seven invitations.
Tonight we arrive at the seventh. And it is the hardest.

Turn with me in your ESV Pew Bible

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Six Churches At a Glance

It has been months since we have gone through these letters.
Let us recap where we have been before looking at the final church.

Ephesus

The Church That Lost Its Love

In pursuing rigid standards and refusing to tolerate evil, they lost love in the process.

They could lose their lampstand.

01

Smyrna

The Church Under Fire

Faithful through poverty and tribulation. Not rebuked, but warned they would be tested even unto death.

The call: do not be afraid.

02

Pergamum

The Church at the Devil's Throne

Partaking in communion-like meals with false gods and sexual immorality.

Christ warns He would wage war against that teaching.

03

Thyatira

The Church That Tolerated Evil

Doing much good (service and endurance), but tolerated a leader who practiced sexual immorality and communion-like meals to false gods.

God searches mind and heart.

04

Sardis

The Church That Was Already Dead

Appeared alive, but was dead. Wake up, remember, repent before losing what remained.

Wake up. Before it is too late.

05

Philadelphia

The Faithful Church

No rebuke. Christ set an open door that no one can shut.

06

The one church with nothing but praise.

THE SEVENTH AND FINAL CHURCH

Laodicea

*The church where Christ stands
at the door knocking.*

What Does the Text Say?

Christ's Three Titles

The Amen

The final, certain Word of God

2 Cor 1:20

Faithful & True Witness

He sees the church as it actually is

Rev 1:5

Beginning of Creation

Source and ruler of all things

Col 1:15-18

The Charge

ACKNOWLEDGED

"I know your works" — Christ sees what they are doing.

The issue is not absence of works.

THE PROBLEM

The works are lukewarm. G5513, χλιαρός. Appears only once in all of Scripture.

Echoes Lev 18:28: the land vomiting out its inhabitants for sin.

Two Diagnoses

THEIR PERCEPTION

"I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing."

The church felt they had all that they needed.

CHRIST'S REALITY

"Wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked."

Note: They did not realize their need for God.

Hot • Cold • Lukewarm

Hot

Fully committed. Genuinely dependent on Christ.

Lukewarm

Believer or unbeliever; these people think they are fine. They do not realize their need for Christ. The most dangerous place.

Cold

Far from God and knows it. Reachable, because they know their need.

Note: Consider: The Parable of the Two Sons (Matt 21) and the Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

Christ's Three Counsels

Gold Refined by Fire

True wealth comes from Christ.

Isa 55:1-3

White Garments

Christ covers our stained garments and gives us new, pure ones. Received, not earned.

Rev 3:5; 7:14

Eye Salve

Our eyes being opened to the things of God by the guidance and revelation of the Spirit.

1 Cor 2:14



Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

Contextually, this is toward a church. Christ knocks. Will the church respond? This also applies to all of us. To join at the table is to be in fellowship with Christ.

What Does It Mean?

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- 1** Lukewarm means not recognizing your need for Christ.

- 2** True wealth is spiritual, not physical.

- 3** Christ is knocking. Receive Him before it is too late.

How Should We Live?

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- 1** Recognize your need for Christ.

- 2** Open the door to Him.

- 3** Receive and share God's abundance.

Christ is still knocking at the door.

God is giving you an opportunity.

The invitation is here. But not forever.

Will you respond?

Benediction

*"May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to
you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24–26

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