



# The Revelation of Jesus Among His Church

**Introduction:** After seeing the greatness and splendor of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, John now is given a message by Jesus to deliver to His churches. The seven churches are located in what is now modern day Turkey. It is very likely that John had connection with each of these churches and meant for the letters to circulate throughout the churches as well as the rest of the churches in the area. They are letters that still speak and have a message for each church today.

**Text:** Revelation 2 & 3

## Discussion:

1. Think back when you were in school and the day of report cards came. Did you look forward to that day, or did you try to hide your report card? Discuss why you felt the way you did.
2. Have you ever played on a team or had a job where there was an evaluation? Discuss why it is important to be able to receive positive feedback, and also constructive criticism. Discuss/write how you respond to affirmation and correction.
3. List some things that you do well. Also make a list of things that you need to do better.
4. Read Rev. 2:1-7 What did Jesus say was good? What did Jesus say was not good?
5. Our culture believes that if you ever say something is wrong or that some religions could be false—then you are narrow minded and hateful. How does Jesus view a church that discerns between truth and error. Why is it important to be discerning.
6. The danger of Ephesus was that they were good about defending their faith, that they lost their passion to share their faith. How can you balance the two?
7. Read Rev. 2:8-11. What did Jesus say to this church? How does this encourage Christians today?
8. Read Rv. 2:12-17. What did Jesus say they did well? What does Jesus say that is not good? This church became a compromising church that allowed false teaching to be accepted thus corrupting their behavior. Are there areas in your life where you are compromising with the world? If so—how will you stop?
9. Read Rev. 2:18-29. What was the “A” the church received and what was the “F?” Why is the Jezebel spirit so dangerous? How does Jesus view sexual immorality in the church? What must a church do if someone begins to corrupt the church with immoral practices and beliefs?
10. Why is it important to realize that “loving people where they are at” does not mean accepting sinful behavior, applauding sinful lifestyles, and liking on social media peoples behavior that is contradictory to scripture?
11. Read Rev. 3:1-6 What does Jesus say to this church? How do you see churches and “Christians” fake their faith? Have you ever “faked” your faith and not been genuine in your walk?
12. Read. Rev. 3:7-13. How does Jesus comfort this church. What does this say to you? Can God use you? How?
13. Read Rve. 3:14-22. What does Jesus have to say to this church? What does “lukewarm” look like today? How can we prevent from having a “lukewarm” faith?
14. The Laodiceans’ were wealthy. They prided themselves on their independence. What is the danger of wealth and self sufficiency?
15. Why is it important to have other believers in our lives that will hold us accountable? Why is it not good to have friends that always say what you do is great and wonderful? When you are making decision that is wrecking your life . . . who is the person that truly loves you— —the person who says, “It’s o.k. keep doing what your doing. Other people are just jealous.” or is it the person who says “What your doing is not pleasing to Jesus and you are destroying your life. Please repent and turn back to Jesus and His way? Discuss/write

## Think About it:

If Jesus gave out a report card to you today, what is your grade? Where are your “A’s” and where are your “F’s”

## Moving Forward:

Allow Jesus to grade you. Write down the areas where you need to change and begin walking in His way! Pray for those who are lost this week so they might come to know Jesus!