

Analysis of the Letters to the Churches

To	Local Detail	Image of Christ	What Christ Sees		Call to Repent	Promise to the One Who Conquers
			Good	Bad		
All seven Churches 1:4, 11		1:5, 12-18				
Ephesus 2:1-7	False apostles and Nicolaitans are there.	Holds the seven stars in His right hand; walks among the seven golden lampstands.	Have endurance; cannot bear evil people; are not weary; hate the works of the Nicolaitans.	Have left your first love.	Repent, do first works, or else I will remove your lampstand.	I will grant to eat of the tree of life in the paradise of God.
Smyrna 2:8-11	Synagogue of Satan is there.	The First and the Last, who was dead and came back to life.	I know your suffering and poverty.	Are afraid of suffering.	Stop being afraid of coming suffering, poverty; be faithful to death and I will give you the crown of life.	Will not be hurt by the second death.
Pergamum 2:12-17	Satan's throne is there; Satan lives there; Antipas was martyred there; teachings of the Nicolaitans.	Has the sharp two-edged sword.	Hold on to my name; did not deny the faith even when Antipas was martyred.	Some hold to the teaching of Balaam (idolatry, immorality) and of the Nicolaitans.	Repent, else I will war with the sword of my mouth.	I will give of the hidden manna and a white stone and a secret name.
Thyatira 2:18-29	The so called prophetess Jezebel is there; some there have known the depths of Satan.	The Son of God, who has eyes like fire and feet like brass; searches thoughts and hearts.	Have love, faith, service, endurance; your last works are more important than your first works.	Tolerate the so-called prophetess Jezebel, who teaches sexual immorality and impurity.	Repent of adultery with Jezebel; her children will be killed; the faithful must hold fast to what they say.	I will give authority to rule the nations with an iron scepter and will give the morning star.

Sardis 3:1-6	Have a reputation for being alive but are dead.	Has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars.	A few have not polluted their garments, are worthy to be dressed in white.	I know your works; have a reputation of being alive but are dead.	Repent; keep what you received; watch, lest I return as a thief.	Will be dressed in white; I will not remove name from the book of life; I will confess His name before the Father and angels.
Philadelphia 3:7-13	Have an open door for evangelism; Jews from the synagogue of Satan will acknowledge that I love you.	The holy and true One, who has the key of David and who opens and closes.	I have placed before you an open door; have kept my Word and not denied my name.	Have but a little power to take advantage of open doors, opportunities to serve.	Hold on to what you have; I will protect you during the testing of all the earth; I am coming quickly.	I will place him as a pillar in God's temple; I will write on him God's name, the name of God's city, and my new name.
Laodicea 3:14-22	Are worldly wealthy, but spiritually poor, naked, blind.	The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of the creation of God.	...	Lukewarm; do not know own wretchedness.	I am about to spit you out; repent and receive purification and healing from me; I knock at the door; if anyone opens, I will enter and eat with him.	I will grant to sit with me on my throne.