

JESUS'S WORDS FOR THE CHURCHES - THROUGH THE LETTERS OF JOHN

Name Means:		Praised For:	Chastised For:	Action to Take:	Warned About:	Encouraged By:	Reward For Overcomer:
Ephesus	First Love	Hard work, perseverance, does not tolerate wickedness, endured hardship for following Jesus	Forsaking first love	Repent and do the things you did at first	If you do not; Jesus will remove lampstand from its place	Hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which Jesus also hates. (Church Hierarchy to rule over the lives and faith of others)	Right to eat from the tree of life, in the paradise of God
Smyrna	Bruised Myrrh	Have been afflicted and know poverty; yet you are rich!	(Nothing)	Continue to be faithful to Christ	You are going to suffer more for Christ.	Be faithful, even to the point of death, and you will receive life as your victor's crown	Will not be hurt at all by the second death
Pergamum	United By Marriage	Remaining true to the name of Christ; even while residing in a place ruled by Satan	Some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam and/or the Nicolaitans	Repent	Or Jesus will fight against you with the sword of His mouth	Didn't renounce faith in Christ; even when Antipas was tortured and put to death	Will receive hidden manna in heaven, will not be found guilty, and will receive a new name
Thyatira	Daughter	Good deeds; love, faith, service and perseverance. Now doing more than at first	Tolerating false prophet Jezebel and following her sinful teachings	Repent and hold on to what you have until Jesus returns	Those who follow Jezebel's teachings will suffer intensely; her children will be struck dead	I will repay each of you according to your deeds	Will have authority over the nations; rule with an iron scepter, and receive the Morning Star (Jesus)
Sardis	Remnant	(Nothing)	Having a reputation for being alive, but is actually dead	Wake up; strengthen what remains before it dies. Repent and remember how to follow Christ	"If you do not wake up, I Jesus will come like a thief and you will not know when"	Have a few people who are living righteously	Will be dressed in white, will be in the book of life; acknowledged before God
Philadelphia	Brotherly Love	Have little strength but have kept Jesus word and not denied His name	(Nothing)	Hold on to what you have so that no one will take your crown	I am coming soon	Since you have endured patiently; will be kept out of the "hour of trial"	Made a pillar in the temple of God, and receive new names: name of God, name of the New Jerusalem, "also" the new name of Jesus.
Laodicea	Rule of the People	(Nothing)	Lukewarm; neither hot nor cold. "...about to spit you out of my mouth."	Repent; let Christ in so he can fellowship, correct and instruct	Thinking their riches make them secure, wise and righteous in the eyes of God	"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent."	The right to sit with Jesus on the throne

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