

Revelation 2:1-7

- I. The Church in Ephesus (2:1-7)
 - A. The Counselor (2:1): Jesus holds the seven stars and walks among the seven lampstands.
 - B. The commendation (2:2-3, 6)
 - 1. Through hard work and patience, the church has performed many righteous deeds (2:2a)
 - 2. They do not tolerate sin in the church (2:2b).
 - 3. They allow only sound doctrine to be taught (2:2c).
 - 4. They have suffered for Jesus (2:3).
 - 5. They hate the practices of the Nicolaitans (2:6).
 - C. The chastening (2:4): They have, however, left their first love.
 - D. The counsel (2:5)
 - 1. The procedure involved (2:5a-5c)
 - a. They are to remember their first love (2:5a).
 - b. They are to repent (2:5b).
 - c. They are to return to their first love (2:5c).
 - 2. The penalty (2:5d): If this does not happen, their lampstand will be removed.
 - E. The challenge (2:7): Jesus promises all overcomers would receive from the tree of life in paradise.

	Commendation	Criticism	Instruction	Promise
Ephesus (2:1-7)	Rejects evil, perseveres, has patience	Love for Christ no longer fervent	Do the works you did at first	The tree of life
Smyrna (2:8-11)	Gracefully bears suffering	None	Be faithful until death	The crown of life
Pergamos (2:12-17)	Keeps the faith of Christ	Tolerates immorality, idolatry, and heresies	Repent	Hidden manna and a stone with a new name
Thyatira (2:18-29)	Love, service, faith, patience are greater than at first	Tolerates cult of idolatry and immorality	Judgment coming; keep the faith	Rule over nations and receive morning star
Sardis (3:1-6)	Some have kept the faith	A dead church	Repent; strengthen what remains	Faithful honored and clothed in white
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	Perseveres in the faith, keeps the word of Christ, honors His name	None	Keep the faith	A place in God's presence, a new name, and the New Jerusalem
Laodicea (3:14-22)	None	Indifferent	Be zealous and repent	Share Christ's throne