

“CHRIST THE VICTOR: TWELVE STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION”

II. LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES, Part Two

Rev. 2:1-29. Letters to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Thyatira, plus contemporary applications.

Introduction: All the letters are addressed to the “angel” of each church, presumably the pastor. A quick review of last week’s material...

A. To the church in Ephesus Rev.2:1-7

1. Identification of the Speaker 2:1
2. Words of affirmation 2:2-3
Perseverance / intolerance / endurance
3. Words of rebuke: “You have left your first love” 2:4
4. Words of instruction: remember, repent, or regret 2:5,6
5. Words of exhortation and promise 2:7

B. To the church in Smyrna Rev. 2:8-11

1. Identification of the Speaker (gospel) 2:8
2. The precious knowledge of Jesus 2:9
3. Facing suffering without fear 2:10a
4. Faithful martyrdom and the crown of life 2:10b
5. Repeated exhortation and good news for overcomers 2:11
6. Notice: No rebukes of the church in Smyrna!

C. To the church in Pergamum Rev. 2:12-17

1. Identification of the Speaker 2:12
2. Again, the precious knowledge of Jesus 2:13a
3. Words of affirmation 2:13b
4. Words of concern: false teachers 2:14-15
5. A call to repentance 2:16
6. Repeated exhortation and good news for overcomers 2:17

D. To the church in Thyatira Rev. 2:18-29

1. Identification of the Speaker 2:18
2. Words of commendation 2:19
3. The common “nevertheless” 2:20-23
4. Encouragement for the non-compromisers 2:24-25