

## Outline of the Seven Churches

### 1) Ephesus – The Fallen Church (2:1-7)

- a) The Faithful Works of the Church (2:1-3)
  - i) It was Standing Up to the Task (2:1-2a)
  - ii) It was Standing Up for the Truth (2:1-2b)
  - iii) It was Standing Up in the Test (2:3)
- b) The Fatal Weakness of This Church (2:4-5a)
  - i) The Vitality of Their Passion Was Gone (2:4)
  - ii) The Validity of Their Profession Was Gone (2:5b)
- c) The Forceful Warning to This Church (2:5b-7)
  - i) Love Must Be Absolutely Paramount (2:5b)
  - ii) Love Must Be Absolutely Positive (2:6)
  - iii) Love Must Be Absolutely Personal (2:7)

### 2) Smyrna – The Fearful Church (2:8-11)

- a) The False Trend at Smyrna (2:8-9)
  - i) What Was Favorably Accented at Smyrna (2:8-9)
  - ii) What Was Foolishly Accepted at Smyrna (2:9)
- b) The Fiery Trial at Smyrna (2:10a)
  - i) The Human Level of the Trial – Its Misery
  - ii) The Santic Level of the Trial – Its Mystery
  - iii) The Divine Level of the Trial – Its Ministry
- c) The Final Triumph at Smyrna (2:10b-11)
  - i) Sharing in Christ's Cross (2:10b)
  - ii) Sharing in Christ's Crown (2:10b-11)

### 3) Pergamos – The Faltering Church (2:12-17)

- a) The Faithful Christians in This Church (2:12-13)
  - i) Their Loyalty to the Lord's Person (2:13a)
  - ii) Their Loyalty to the Lord's Precepts (2:13a)
- b) The False Creeds in This Church (2:14-15)
  - i) The Doctrine of Balaam (2:14)
  - ii) The Doctrines of the Nicolaitanes (2:15)
- c) The Fearful Crisis in This Church (2:16-17)
  - i) How the Lord Warned the Church (2:16)
  - ii) How the Lord Woed the Church (2:17)

- 4) Thyatira – The False Church (2:18-29)**
- a) What the Lord Detected About This Church (2:18-19)
    - i) What He Emphasized About His Person (2:18)
    - ii) What He Emphasized About His People (2:19)
  - b) What the Lord Detested About This Church (2:20-23)
    - i) The Source of Heresy (2:20a)
    - ii) The Seriousness of Heresy (2:20b)
    - iii) The Stubbornness of Heresy (2:21)
    - iv) The Suppression of Heresy (2:22-23)
  - c) What the Lord Determined About This Church (2:24-29)
    - i) The Overseer and His Fellows (2:24-25)
    - ii) The Overcomer and His Future (2:26-29)
- 5) Sardis – The Fruitless Church (3:1-6)**
- a) The Notable Reputation of This Church (3:1-2)
    - i) The Church Is Fully Weighed by the Lord (3:1a)
    - ii) The Church Is Found Wanting by the Lord (3:1b-2)
  - b) The Needed Reformation in This Church (3:3-6)
    - i) The Call for Remembrance by This Church (3:3)
    - ii) The Call to a Remnant in This Church (3:4-6)
- 6) Philadelphia - The Feeble Church (3:7-13)**
- a) The Call to Behold (3:7-11)
    - i) All Saints Are Under His Control (3:7-8)
    - ii) All Sinners Are Under His Control (3:9)
    - iii) All Situations Are Under His Control (3:10-11)
  - b) The Call to Behave (3:12-13)
    - i) The Divine Initiative (3:12)
    - ii) The Divine Invitation (3:13)
- 7) Laodicea – The Fashionable Church (3:14-22)**
- a) The Dynamic Christ (3:14)
    - i) He is the All – Conquering One (3:14a)
    - ii) He is the All- Convicting One (3:14b)
    - iii) He is the All – Controlling One (3:14c)
  - b) The Deluded Church (3:15-17)
    - i) Its Sickening Compromise (3:15-16)
    - ii) Its Sickening Complacency (3:17)
  - c) The Definite Choice (3:18-19)
  - d) The Duel Challenge (3:20-22)