



GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY NIGHT SERIES

OVERVIEW OF THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

The Church in Ephesus

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus holds the seven stars, walks among the lampstands.

Commendation: They rejected evil, they had perseverance and patience.

Criticism: They no longer loved Christ, they were no longer fervent.

Command: Repent and do the first works or He was coming to remove the lampstand.

Compensation: The tree of life.

The Church in Smyrna

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus is the First & Last, was dead but now alive.

Commendation: They were gracefully bearing the suffering of persecution.

Criticism: None. We can glean they may have been fearful and discouraged by poverty.

Command: Be faithful until death.

Compensation: Receive a crown of life.

The Church in Pergamos

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus is has a sharp two-edged sword in His mouth.

Commendation: Steadfast and held the faith.

Criticism: They tolerated immorality, idolatry, and heresy among the membership.

Command: Repent.

Compensation: They would be given hidden manna, a white stone, and a new name.

The Church in Thyatira

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus is the Son of God with eyes of fire and feet of fine brass.

Commendation: They had love, service, faith, and patience.

Criticism: They tolerated idolatry and immorality.

Command: Prepare for judgment and keep the faith.

Compensation: They would rule over nations and receive the morning star.

The Church in Sardis

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus is the One who has the seven spirits and the seven stars.

Commendation: Some kept their faith.

Criticism: They were a dead church.

Command: Repent and strengthen what remains.

Compensation: The faithful would be honored and clothed in white.

The Church in Philadelphia

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus is the One who is Holy & True and holds the key of David.

Commendation: They persevered in their faith.

Criticism: None.

Command: Keep their faith.

Compensation: They would have a place in God's presence, they would have a new name, and see the New Jerusalem.

The Church in Laodicea

Characteristic of Jesus: Jesus is the AMEN, Faithful & True Witness, Beginning of Creation.

Commendation: None.

Criticism: They were not committed, lukewarm, and seemed to be indifferent.

Command: Be zealous and repent.

Compensation: They would share the throne of Jesus Christ.