

Outline #3 The Messages of Jesus to the Seven Churches

Do not be Afraid (Revelation 1:17–18)

Intro: Why Seven Churches? (there were many more) *Literal churches in Asia Minor in need of counsel. *Represent the condition of various churches at any time during the history of the Christian church. *Represent the complete history (7) of the Christian church from its founding to the coming of Jesus.

1. The church at Ephesus (review from Part 2)

- a) Revelation 2:1–7 How is Jesus described?
- b) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- c) What is the most important aspect of the message to Ephesus for your life today?

2. The church at Smyrna

- a) Revelation 2:8–11 How is Jesus described?
- b) What warning does Jesus give?
- c) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- d) What is the most important aspect of the message to Smyrna for your life today?

3. The church at Pergamos/Pergamum

- a) Revelation 2:12–15 How is Jesus described?
- b) What assessment does Jesus offer?
- c) Revelation 2:16–17 What counsel does Jesus give?
- d) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- e) What is the most important aspect of the message to Pergamos for your life today?

4. The church at Thyatira

- a) Revelation 2:18–29 How is Jesus described?

- b) What commendations and warnings are given?
- c) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- d) What is the most important aspect of the message to Thyatira for your life today?

5. The church at Sardis

- a) Revelation 3:1–6 How is Jesus described?
- b) What counsel does Jesus give?
- c) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- d) What is the most important aspect of the message to Sardis for your life today?

6. The church at Philadelphia

- a) Revelation 3:7–13 How is Jesus described?
- b) Why does Jesus offer no rebuke to Philadelphia?
- c) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- d) Where have you seen Philadelphia churches today?

7. The church at Laodicea

- a) Revelation 3:14–17 How is Jesus described?
- b) How does Jesus describe the condition of Laodicea?
- c) Revelation 3:18–22 What counsel is given?
- d) What era of the Christian Church is represented?
- e) What is the most important aspect of the message to Laodicea for your life today?

