THE BOOK OF REVELATION, PART 3

Outline #3 The Messages of Jesus to the Seven Churches

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?