

REVELATION: The Triumph of the Lamb

CHECK YOUR INBOX

Revelation 2-3 Jeff Schreve

"Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Revelation 1:11

"Before the Apocalypse presents any message of judgment on the unbelieving world, it first calls the churches to repentance.

Judgment must begin at the house of God. If the local churches are not a proper expression of God's truth and righteousness, how can they influence the world for Christ? In these letters, we find the Lord of the church lovingly but firmly speaking to His church."

--Edward Myers

What is God saying to us from the letters to the churches?

1. Beware of leaving your first love and losing your fire for Jesus.

Simon, son of John, do you love Me? John 21:16

2. Beware of the opposition of Satan and his false doctrine.

I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is ... where Satan dwells.

Revelation 2:13

A. Satan works to persecute, infiltrate, and pervert the gospel.

"But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality. Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans." Revelation 2:14-15

B. Satan's calling card: compromise and licentiousness.

"But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."

Revelation 2:20

3. Beware of spiritual apathy, lethargy, and apostasy.

"I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Wake up Revelation 3:1-2

*So because you are lukewarm ... I will spit you out of My mouth.
Revelation 3:16*

4. Be aware of the desperate need to repent.

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore and repent. Revelation 3:19

- **Overcomers are those who repent and get right with Jesus.**
For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4-5

Do you have an open ear to hear what the Spirit is saying?