

Descriptions of the Seven Churches

Pattern of each Church	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamum	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
Scripture	Revelation 2:1-7	Revelation 2:8-11	Revelation 2:12-17	Revelation 2:18-29	Revelation 3:1-6	Revelation 3:7-13	Revelation 3:14-22
Nickname	“Loveless”	“Truly rich”	“Tolerant”	“Asleep”	“Pretending”	“Faithful”	“Self-reliant”
Title of and description of Jesus	Words of Him who holds the stars in his right hands and walks among the golden lampstands	Words of Him who is first and last, who died and came to life	Words of Him who has the double edged sword	Words of the son of God whose eyes are like blazing fire, whose feet are like burnished bronze.	Words of Him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars	Words of Him who is holy and true, holds the keys of David. What he opens no one can shut, what he shuts no one can open.	Words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.
True condition	I know your hard work, perseverance and unwillingness to tolerate false teachers, and endured hardships, but you have forsaken your first love.	I know your afflictions and poverty, but you are rich in the midst of very difficult circumstances and little resources.	I know you are remaining faithful and true in spite of incredible opposition, including the martyrdom of the people you know.	I know your deeds, love faith, and service and perseverance and doing more than did at first, but you have compromised by tolerating immorality. You are also stubborn and unwilling to repent.	I know your deeds, you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. You are on life support and unaware of the danger of your condition	I know you are feeling insecure and terrified and unwilling to deny my name. You have also remained faithful and you are ready to endure patiently.	I know your deeds you are neither cold nor hot. You are lukewarm & nauseating. You self-reliance is disgusting and makes me want to vomit.
Needed correction	Repent and return to your first love	none	You have tolerated false teaching and immorality	You are making dangerous compromises, by tolerating false teaching and sexual immorality	You are going through the motions	none	You are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind & naked. You are deceived and desperately in need.
Appropriate action	Repent and do the things you did at first	Be faithful even to point of death	Repent and trust my words	Repent and hold to God’s teachings. Love people without lowering God’s ordained standards.	Wake up and strengthen what remains, hold fast to what you have heard and repent	Hang on until I return, so I can give you a meaningful reward. No one will take your crown.	Be earnest and repent
Promise to overcomers	The right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. I will give you access of everything eternity has for you.	I will give you the crown of life and you will not be hurt at all by the second death. I will give you the approval and recognition your heart is longing for and protection from your greatest enemy.	I will give you hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it. I will ultimately satisfy your deepest longing by speak into your true identity.	I will give you authority over the nations and you can rule with an iron scepter. I will give you real power, status, influence and authority over the nations.	I will dress you in white. I will never blot out your name and acknowledge you before my father. I will make you pure	I will give you security & stability. I will seal you with my ownership and protection and take you to your eternal home.	I will give you the right to rule. If you acknowledge your dependence I will use you to rule.