

HOW DOES SATAN SEEK TO ATTACK THE CHURCH? (Revelation 2-3)

* 1:19-20 / What is the significance of these 7 churches?

1. The Church of EPHESUS — the Church with the Fatal Flaw (Revelation 2:1-7)

a. The **PROBLEM**: “*you have _____ your _____ love.* (2:4b)

b. The **CORRECTION** (2:5):

- 1) “_____ *therefore from where you have fallen...*”
- 2) _____ — a command for a decisive change of mind and direction.
- 3) _____ ... “*and do the first works.*”

* What are the “*first works*”?

* Do we need to take this seriously?

c. **Take inventory** —

2. The Church of SMYRNA – the Suffering Church (Revelation 2:8-11)

a. Their **PROBLEM** —

b. The **COMMANDS** (2:10):

- 1) “*Do _____*” the coming persecution brought on by the Devil.
- 2) “*Be _____ until death.*”

* What would be their reward?

c. **Take inventory** —

3. The Church of PERGAMOS – that was Wedded to the World (Revelation 2:12-17)

a. Their **PROBLEMS** — “*you have those who hold the _____ of _____*”
and “*the _____ of the _____, which thing I _____.*”

b. The **CORRECTION** was to decisively and urgently to _____. (2:16)

* If not, what would be the consequence?

c. **Take inventory** —

4. The Church of THYATIRA – that Tolerated False Teaching (Revelation 2:18-29)
- Their PROBLEM – tolerating a _____ . (2:20)
 - The CORRECTION – _____ . (2:21-23)
 - The COMMAND (2:25) is only to “_____ *what you have till I come.*” (2:24-25)
 - Take inventory —
5. The Church of SARDIS – which was Dead and Dying (Revelation 3:1-6)
- The PROBLEM — “you have a name that you are alive, but you are _____.” (3:1)
 - The COMMANDS (3:2-3)
 - “Be _____” — wake up spiritually!
 - “_____ *the things that remain*” — establish the remnant!
 - “_____ *therefore how you have received and heard*” — remember God’s grace to you!
 - “_____” — guard the truth you have!
 - “_____” — have a change of heart!
 - How does a church die?
 - Take inventory —
6. The Church of PHILADELPHIA — the church with the Open Door (Revelation 3:7-13)
- The PROBLEMS —
 - The COMMAND is only to “_____ *what you have.*” (2:11) Why?
 - Take Inventory —
7. The Church of LAODECIA — which was Lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-21)
- The PROBLEMS —
 - No COMMENDATIONS
 - “because you are _____; I will vomit you out of my mouth.” Why did Christ conclude this?
 - The CORRECTION —
 - To the unsaved people in the church — “*I counsel you to buy from Me _____... _____... and anoint your eyes with _____.*” (3:18)
 - To the saved people in the church — “*As many as I _____, I _____ and _____, therefore be _____ and _____.*” (3:19)
 - * What is Jesus Christ offering to the individuals of this local assembly?
 - Take Inventory —