

# Revelation

God's Message to the Seven Churches

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*“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God”*

“Amen” He is the final word – He is SOVEREIGN

“faithful and true witness”

*Jhn 5:19 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*

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*“These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God”*

## The beginning of the creation of God

Christ is preeminent – all creation is SUBJECT unto Him

→ people      → kings and kingdoms

→ Satan and his demonic army

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The Lord's Commendation

NONE

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## The Lord's Rebuke

*“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.”*

They were LUKEWARM

*Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

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*"I know thy works"*

- The Lord was less concerned about their preaching, their singing, and their outward appearance and more about their WORKS
- Their works were the manifestation of their true SPIRITUAL nature

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*"I know thy works"*

"Their being lukewarm spiritually was evidenced by their being content with their material wealth and their being unaware of their spiritual poverty" ~~ J. Walvoord

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The Lord's Rebuke

*"I know thy works"*

Material wealth has a way of replacing our  
DEVOTION to God

*Mat 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*

Lukewarmness is utterly DETESTABLE to God



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## The Lord's Exhortation

1. To be ZEALOUS and repent
2. To get true riches

*Mat 6:19-20 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: <sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal*

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3. To correct their spiritual blindness
  - ▶ fixing their EYES upon Jesus
4. To clothe themselves in white
  - ▶ pursuit of righteousness rather than  
WORLDLINESS

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The Lord's Promise

*“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock”*

## 1. Intimate fellowship with Christ

"With Christ on the outside, there can be no fellowship or genuine wealth. With Christ on the inside, there is wonderful fellowship and sharing of the marvelous grace of God."

~~ J. Walvoord

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2. To reign with Christ

# Dangers facing churches today

- Doctrinal defection
- Not holding fast
- Loss of first love
- Moral departure
- Lukewarmness
- Fear of suffering
- Spiritual deadness