



CHURCH

Life

Assess,
Listen and
Live



Assess –
Evaluate or
estimate the
nature, ability, or
quality of
something



Listen –
Give ones
attention to;
take notice of,
and act on what
someone says.



Live –
Spend one's life
in a particular
way; have an
exciting or
fulfilling life.



What to look for in each church

1. Something we learn about Jesus.
2. Commendation
3. Rebuke
4. Command/correction
5. Promise to overcomers



The church of Pergamum

Revelation 2:12-17

Things about Christ

- He has a sharp, two-edged sword
 - Revelation 1:13-16
 - Hebrews 4:12-13
 - Revelation 19:11-15
- He knows where the people dwell
 - Where do you dwell?
 - Colossians 1:19-23
 - Ephesians 3:14-19



He has a sharp, two-edged sword

- **Rev. 1:13** and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.
- **Rev. 1:14** His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.
- **Rev. 1:15** His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.
- **Rev. 1:16** In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.



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- **Heb. 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- **Heb. 4:13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.



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- **Col. 1:19** For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,
- **Col. 1:20** and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.
- **Col. 1:21** ¶ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,
- **Col. 1:22** yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach —
- **Col. 1:23** if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.



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- **Eph. 3:14** ¶ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
- **Eph. 3:15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,
- **Eph. 3:16** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,
- **Eph. 3:17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- **Eph. 3:18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- **Eph. 3:19** and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.



Commendation

- They live where Satan's throne is.
 - Throne = dominion, rule, power over
- They held fast the name of Jesus
 - Mark 6:17
 - Hebrews 4:14-16
 - Hebrews 6:17-20
- They did not deny His faith
 - John 18:25-27
 - 2 Timothy 3:1-5
 - Titus 1:15-16



They held fast the name of Jesus

- **Mark 6:17 ¶** For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.



They held fast the name of Jesus

- **Heb. 4:14** ¶ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- **Heb. 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.
- **Heb. 4:16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



They held fast the name of Jesus

- **Heb. 6:17** In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,
- **Heb. 6:18** so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
- **Heb. 6:19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,
- **Heb. 6:20** where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



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- **John 18:25** ¶ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?” He denied *it*, and said, “I am not.”
- **John 18:26** One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, *said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”
- **John 18:27** Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.



They did not deny His faith

- **2Tim. 3:1** ¶ But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- **2Tim. 3:2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
- **2Tim. 3:3** unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,
- **2Tim. 3:4** treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- **2Tim. 3:5** holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.



They did not deny His faith

- **Titus 1:15** To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.
- **Titus 1:16** They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.



Rebuke

- Some held to the teaching of Balaam
 - Numbers 22
 - 2 Peter 2:15
 - Jude 11
- Some held to the teachings of the Nicolaitans
 - Eating food sacrificed to idols
 - Engaging in sexual immorality
 - Living morally lax lives under the pretense of spiritual freedom

Command

- Repent...Or else
 - Jesus would come quickly
 - He would make war against them (Rev. 19:15)



He has a sharp, two-edged sword

- **Rev. 19:11** ¶ And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
- **Rev. 19:12** His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself.
- **Rev. 19:13** *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- **Rev. 19:14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.
- **Rev. 19:15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.



Promises to Overcomers

- Receive some of the hidden manna
- Receive a white stone
- Receive a new name



Assess

- Are you evaluating your life based on the standards of God's Word?
- Are you dwelling "in Christ," and is He dwelling in you?
- Are you holding fast the confession of your faith? Or are you compromising by tolerating the things of the world?
- During difficult times, are you holding fast to the hope you have in Jesus?
- Are you denying the Lord, whether in word or in deed?
- Is there anything you have heard this morning that the Lord would have you repent of?

