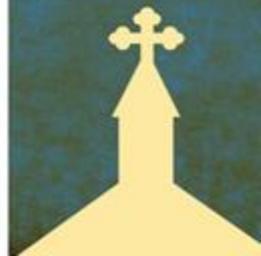


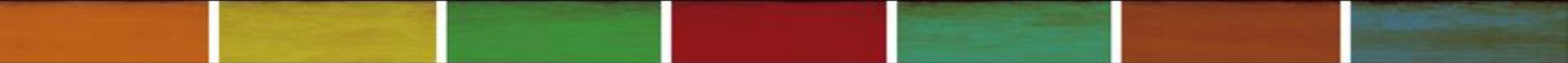
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What Do We Know About the Church?

- **This is Christ's church.**
- **Christ is head of His church.**
- **Christ entrusts His agenda to His church.**
- **Christ loves the church.**
- **Christ's goal is a radiant church.**





What is the Current Condition of the Church?

1. The Church in Ephesus

Active, busy for working for Jesus

But lost their first love

2. The Church in Smyrna

Fearless

But challenged to be faithful



What is the Current Condition of the Church?

3. The Church in Pergamum

True and faithful to the Lord

But lived a distracted, diluted and compromised faith

4. The Church in Thyatira

A growing faith

But tolerated impure faith and leaders



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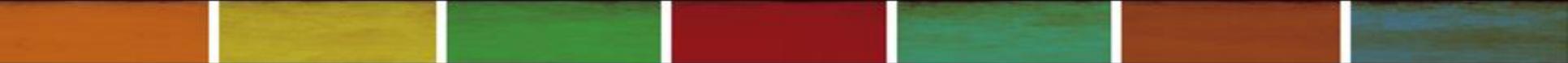
5. The Church in Sardis

Revelation 3:1-6

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. - Revelation 3:1-3





What is the Current Condition of the Church?

5. The Church in Sardis

Revelation 3:1-6

Commendation:

You have the reputation of being alive.

Charge: But I know your deeds.

You are dead. So wake up!

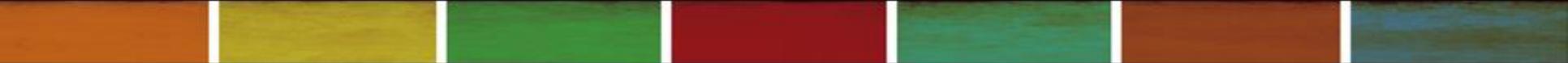


What is the Current Condition of the Church?

6. The Church in Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

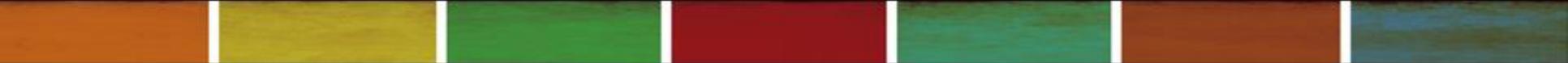




*⁷ “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:
These are the words of him who is holy and true, who
holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut,
and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds.
See, I have placed before you an open door that no one
can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have
kept my word and have not denied my name.*

Revelation 3:7-8





⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

Revelation 3:9-10



What is the Current Condition of the Church?

7. The Church in Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22

*“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and
true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.*

Revelation 3:14



What is the Current Condition of the Church?

7. The Church in Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Revelation 3:15-17



What is the Current Condition of the Church?

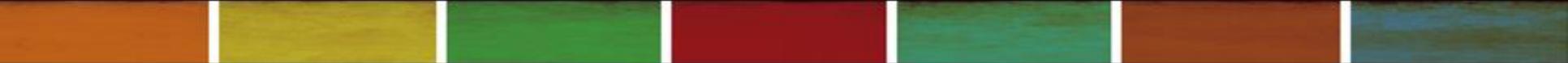
7. The Church in Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

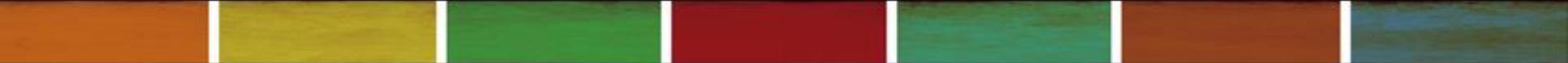
Revelation 3:18





So why does He even bother?
Because He loves the church.





... Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27

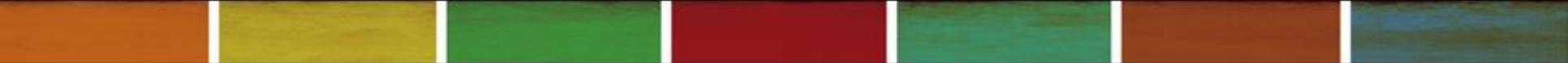


⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Revelation 2:5

- Remember
- Repent
- Return





Love what Jesus loves: The Church



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