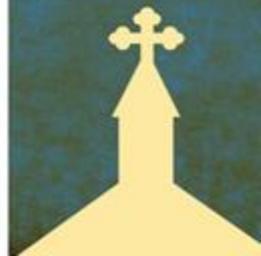


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# The Seven Churches of Revelation





*“To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.*

**Revelation 2:1**





*“To the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.*

**Revelation 2:8**



## *The Seven Churches of Revelation*



“To the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

**Revelation 2:12**





*"To the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*

**Revelation 2:18**





*“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.*

**Revelation 3:1**





*“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. **Revelation 3:7**”*

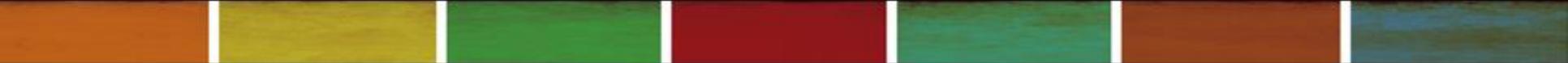




*“To the angel of the church in **Laodicea** write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.*

**Revelation 3:14**





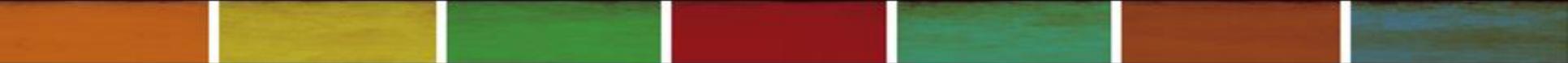
# The Common Message for SPC

**This is for all of us.**

*“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22





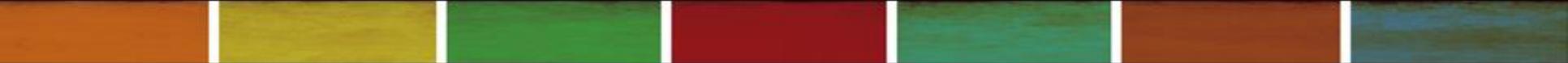
# The Common Message for SPC

**Victory and accomplishment  
are present.**

*“The one who is victorious.”*

Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26; 3:5; 3:12; 3:21





# Victory and accomplishment are present.

*<sup>21</sup> Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.*

*<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

**Lamentations 3:21-23**





# The Common Message for SPC

God is giving us an opportunity.

*“I will give.”*

Revelation 2:7; 2:10; 2:17; 2:26-28; 3:5; 3:12; 3:21



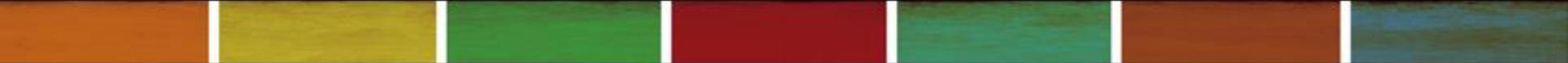


# God is giving us an opportunity.

*<sup>5</sup> The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.*

**Revelation 3:5**



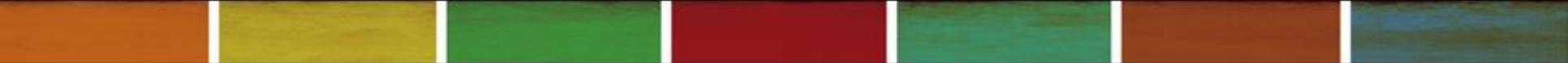


# God is giving us an opportunity.

*<sup>12</sup> The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.*

**Revelation 3:12**



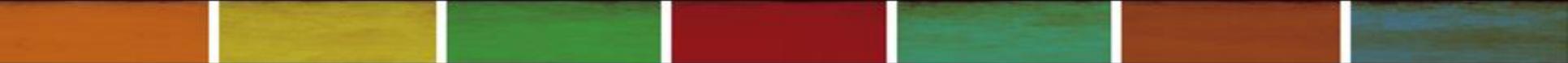


# Two Opportunities

The opportunity for our church is:

*SUCCESS*





# Two Opportunities

The opportunity for our lives is:

*SALVATION*



# Opportunities: success and salvation

*<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

**Revelation 1:17-18**



# To the church .....

***12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.***

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