

THE REVELATION OF JESUS PART II
“HIS TOUCH IN YOUR SITUATION”
REVELATION 2 & 3
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INTRODUCTION

- Part II of a revelation of Jesus Christ.
- We talked about the word revelation or apocalypse which means to uncover or to disclose what is hidden.
- Chapters 2 and 3 are seven letters written to seven churches.
- Seven churches, seven letters follow a pattern:
 1. Church is named
 2. Speaker (Jesus) is described
 3. An assessment is given
 4. Correction is brought - Hebrews 12:6
 5. Ends with a promise of victory if the hearer hears and repents or moves
- God always deals with community, not alone.

I. SEVEN CHURCHES WITH SEVEN MESSAGES

- Revelation 2:4-5,7, “...you have left your first love.
⁵Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent...He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches...”
- One phrase stands out – “He who has ears let him hear.”
- If we are to heal and help others, we have to be continually listening to what the Spirit is saying.
- Seven times He says, “If you have an ear to hear listen”...and then there is a reward.
- The churches are called to love, to suffer, to tell the truth, to be holy, to be real, to be involved, to worship.

II. WHAT HAVE YOU LOST ON THE ROAD OF LIFE

- It is far easier to get successful than to stay successful.
- Three things Jesus confronts here: money, sex and power.
First - Vss. 9,13,19,3:8,15, “I know your works”
 - Life is more than doing, it is connecting with God.
 - Don’t mistake activity for intimacy.
 - Don’t lose your first love.Second – Vss. 24 - Old Testament pictures of sexual immorality - people doing whatever they like.
 - The depths of Satan is the delusion that not only is God ok with this, but that it pleases Him.

III. ANOTHER WARNING TO HEED

- Third - We often interpret material success to equal spiritual blessing and it is not.
- 2:9 - “I know your poverty,” but you are rich!!!
- Fourth - We are vulnerable. Don’t be charmed by money or power, but by Jesus!!!
- When people raise themselves over other people instead of helping them.

IV. THE SOLUTIONS FOR THESE ISSUES

- Over and over in Revelation Jesus says four things:
 - 1st - Got to listen
 - 2nd - Repent - He says five times
 - 3rd - Treat adversity as a friend and a refining force.
 - 4th - Rest in victory – “To him who overcomes” I put my name on them.

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