

Revelation
Letters to the 7 churches – Ephesus and Smyrna
June 21, 2020

General Information

Some see these churches as only _____; it is more likely these were messages to specific congregations.

The order of the 7 letters is a _____ circuit of 7 cities, around a route that a courier could take.

4 Questions to keep in mind

1. What was the church _____ for? 2. What was their _____ /s?
3. What is their _____ /s? 4. What are the possible _____ if they obey or disobey?

Ephesus – Passion for Christ

What they were commended for:

They were really consistent in their _____, patience, and intolerance of those who are evil.

They were exercising _____ toward those who say they are apostles and are not.

What their 3 commands were:

1. Think about how far they have _____ 2. _____
3. Do the _____ works

To obey requires that you pay attention and _____ about what you are going to do differently.

Smyrna – Dependence upon Christ

What they were commended for:

Their _____ Their _____
_____ from those who call themselves Jews but are not.

What their commands were:

Don't be _____ Be _____ unto death

Possible outcomes: 1. Receive the _____ of life 2. Not be hurt by the second _____

HOMEWORK

1. In what ways, if any, has your love for God changed since you first became a Christian?
2. What are some practical ways to keep your relationship with God a top priority?
3. What did Jesus say to help the people of Smyrna to not be afraid? Does knowing what's coming, even if it's really bad, help you? Why or why not?
4. Smyrna didn't receive a rebuke but words of comfort. Why do you think that's significant?