

CHRIST'S WORDS to HIS CHURCH

—Commendation, Condemnation, Admonition, Reward—
(Revelation 1-3)

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	Characteristics	Commendation	Condemnation	Admonition	Reward
Church in Ephesus	Program-oriented	Deeds, hard work, perseverance	Forsaken first love	Repent	The tree of life
Church in Smyrna	Suffering, martyrdom	You are rich		Faithful unto death	A crown of life
Church in Pergamum	Paganized		The seat of Satan	Repent	Hidden manna
Church in Thyratira	Apostate	Work, love, faith, service, patience, deeds	Spiritual adultery, unwilling to repent	Hold on to what you have	Power over the nations
Church in Sardis	Alive but dead	Works	Deeds incomplete	Remember, obey, repent	The book of life
Church in Philadelphia	Revived, global mission	Kept my word, kept my name		An open door	Pillar in God's temple
Church in Laodicea	Lukewarm		Wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, naked	Be zealous, repent	Seated with Christ

N.B. The seven churches in Asia represent different types of churches throughout different ages.