

A LETTER TO THE CHURCH

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Title: A Letter to the Church

Text: *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.* (Revelation 2:29)

Target: A Church that doesn't hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit will go from a mission to either a memorial or a museum.

I. The _____ of Jesus over the Church: (Jesus Reigns)

- A. Ephesus (Ownership):** *"holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands."* (2:1)
- B. Smyrna (Qualified):** *"the first and the last, who died and came to life."* (2:8)
- C. Pergamum (Truth):** *"The sharp two-edged sword."* (2:12)
- D. Thyatira (Holy):** *"eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze."* (2:18)
- E. Sardis (Sovereign):** *"seven spirits of God and the seven stars."* (3:1)
- F. Philadelphia (Authority):** *"The true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens."* (3:7)
- G. Laodicea (Sufficient):** *"The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation."* (3:14)

II. The _____ of Jesus towards the Church: (Sin Replaces)

- A. Ephesus (Left first Love):** *"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."* (2:4)
- B. Pergamum (Worldy):** *"hold the teaching of Balaam...teaching of the Nicolaitans"* (2:14-15)
- C. Thyatira (Tolerant):** *"tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols."* (2:20)
- D. Sardis (Dead):** *"Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God."* (3:2)
- E. Laodicea (Lukewarm):** *"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!" So, because you are lukewarm...I will spit you out of my mouth"* (3:15-16)

III. The _____ of Jesus about the Church: (Be Resilient)

- A. Smyrna (Favored):** *"I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."* (2:9)
- B. Philadelphia (Perseverance):** *"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."* (3:8)

IV. The _____ of Jesus towards the Church: (Get Right)

- A. Ephesus (Renew):** *"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first"* (2:5)
- B. Smyrna (Courage):** *"Do not fear what you are about to suffer"* (2:10)
- C. Pergamum (Scripture):** *"Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth."* (2:16)
- D. Thyatira (Purity):** *"I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality...I will give to each of you according to your works"* (2:21)
- E. Sardis (Revived):** *"Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you."* (3:3)
- F. Philadelphia (Stand):** *"I will keep you from the hour of trial that coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth"* (3:10)
- G. Laodicea (Depend):** *"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see."* (3:18)

V. The _____ of Jesus towards the Church: (Get Right)

- A. Ephesus (Fellowship):** *"I will grant to eat of the tree of life"* (2:7)
- B. Smyrna (Heaven):** *"will not be hurt by the second death"* (2:11)
- C. Pergamum (Freedom):** *"I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it."* (2:17)
- D. Thyatira (Honor):** *"I will give authority over the nations,"* (2:26)
- E. Sardis (Assurance):** *"clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels"* (3:5)
- F. Philadelphia (Favor):** *"I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God..."*(3:12)
- G. Laodicea (Victorious):** *"I will grant him to sit with me on my throne"* (3:21)

Takeaway: *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."* (3:20)



WE THE CHURCH

MISSION VALUES

Upcoming Special Events:

WELCOME HOME | MAY 13 AT 5:30PM

Welcome Home is a great way to find out more about CBC and how to get connected to our family! It is held monthly and has an opportunity for membership at the end of the class. We serve dinner from 5:30pm-6:15pm, then begin our time with our Pastors from 6:15pm to 8pm. Join us for Welcome Home and learn how you can take your next best step!

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING | MAY 20 AT 6:30PM

Save the date! Once a month, is our monthly Young Adults Gathering. If you, or someone you know, are between the ages of 25 and 35, we would love for you to join us. Gather with a collection of young adults committed to journeying through adulthood God's way. Join us in Central at 6:30 pm. If you need childcare for that evening, please register below.

SUMMER ADVENTURES | JUNE 3RD - AUGUST 8TH

Summer Adventures is an exciting summer day program at CBC for children ages 6 weeks - 5th grade. June 3rd - August 8th: Monday - Thursday | 8:30am - 2:00pm. You may register for weeks 1-9 of the program. We will not have camp the week of VBS: July 15-18. Cost: \$150.00 per week per child with a \$30 deposit per week per child due at time of registration.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CBC CENTRAL | JULY 15-18

We hope that you and your kids will join us this summer, July 15th through 18th, for CBC's Vacation Bible School. Each day, from 9am to noon, kids will enjoy high energy games, crafts, worship, and a Bible lesson. VBS is designed for Elementary Kids who have just completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Middle School students, High School students, and adults can also serve in an abundance of ways. If mom or dad are on-campus volunteering, we even have a Preschool VBS for birth to Pre-K. We encourage the entire family to come be a part of this amazing event! Hope to see you in July!

PRETEEN CAMP | JUNE 1ST-5TH

Preteen Camp is going to be the best week of the summer for your 4th or 5th Grader! Campers can expect five days full of fun activities like zip-lining, swimming in the lake or pool, games, and more! Most importantly, this is a time for preteens to unplug and fully engage in worship, prayer, reading God's word, and fellowship. Our hope and prayer is that this is an experience that preteens will never forget because they made awesome memories, created lasting relationships, and encountered God like never before. Register for camp today at communitybible.com/events

STUDENT CAMPS | JUNE 14-17 (MS) & JUNE 25-29 (HS)

CBC Student Camp is centered around Jesus. Middle and high school students and their leaders get away to gather for an intentional time of worship, teaching and building community. Not to forget — tons of competitive fun during Squad Wars. Our prayer is that camp would be an integral part in equipping students to know and follow Jesus better. Register for camp today at cbcstudentcamp.com

For more information & to register, visit communitybible.com/events

New Believers & First Time Guests:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Text 'CHRIST' to **210-762-4747**. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by any yellow Connects kiosks for a free gift or text 'GUEST' to **210-762-4747** so we can reach out to you at a later time.

Needing Prayer?

We have a pastoral team at our CBC Cares area in the lobby ready to pray with you, or you can scan this QR code to fill out a prayer request form.

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