

## Study 2: What Jesus thinks of His Church (Revelation 2 and 3)

Read Revelation 2 and 3 - Pray that you would have “ears to hear”

The aim of this study is for you to gain an overview of the two chapters and see how things hang together. Note any questions you have about any aspects of the two chapters. The basic pattern of the 7 letters is rhythmical, and surprise, surprise, has 7 parts: Address, Titles of Jesus, Commendation, Criticism, Counsel, Command, and Promise to Overcomers. Note any deviations from this pattern as you study, remembering that structure aids understanding.

**Q.1 Do you think the letters were meant only for the specific churches addressed?**

**Justify your answer (take note of the final “command” - 3:20)**

**Q.2 Complete the table...**

Church	Strength	Weakness	Summary Statement
Ephesus			
Smyrna			
Pergamum			
Thyatira			
Sardis			
Philadelphia			
Laodicea			

**Q.3 Compare the title Jesus gives Himself in each message to its content; how is each title appropriate? Do the same with the promises to overcomers. How do these titles and promises help you grasp the central message to each church?**

Ephesus:

Smyrna:

Pergamum:

Thyatira:

Sardis:

Philadelphia:

Laodicea:

**Q.4 What do you learn about God's kingdom? (see 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28, 3:3-5, 11-12, 14, 20-21)**

**Q.5 What is Jesus teaching His people (then and now) about patient endurance? (see 2:2-3, 7, 10-11, 13, 17, 19, 25-26, 3:4-5, 8-12, 21)**

**Q.6 Which of the churches is 5:17 church most like in our**

Strengths

Weaknesses

Summary Statements

**Q.7 What is Jesus' message for you today then?**