

## Revelation 3

[ Briefly summarize the main point for each church listed below. ]

### 1. Sardis: the Living Dead Church (3:1-6)

Identification (3:1) –

Commendation (3:1, 4) –

Condemnation (3:1-2) –

Exhortation (3:2-3) –

Salvation (3:5-6) –

### 2. Philadelphia: the Open Door Church (3:7-13)

Identification (3:7) –

Commendation (3:8-10) –

Exhortation (3:11) –

Salvation (3:12-13) –

### 3. Laodicea: the Satisfied Lukewarm Church (3:14-22)

Identification (3:14) –

Condemnation (3:15-17) –

Exhortation (3:18-20) –

Salvation (2:21-22) –

• **Digging Deeper**

1. Where in Asia Minor are the seven churches located?
2. Where previous in Revelation is it written about the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars (3:1)?
3. What “coming” of Jesus is referred to in this chapter (3:3, 11)?
4. How does Revelation 3:5 refute the false doctrine of “once saved always saved”?
5. What is “the key of David” as it relates to Jesus Christ (3:7)?
6. What is the “synagogue of Satan” (2:9; 3:9)?
7. What is “the new Jerusalem” a reference to and where else in Revelation is it mentioned (3:12)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Jesus said seven times: “These things says ...” (2:1, 8, 12, etc.). Jesus reminded each local church of his greatness before he told them what they needed to do. Who is it

that we are listening to when we listen to Jesus (Mt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1-4)? What kind of lord and king do we serve (1 Tim. 6:14-16; Rev. 17:14; 19:16)?

2. Jesus said seven times: “I know...” (2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15; see especially 2:23). Jesus knows all, good or bad. He knows what takes place in each local church and he will hold each local church accountable. What did Jesus know about some of the Jews of his day (Jn. 5:42) and what did he know about his apostles (Jn. 13:18)?
  
3. Jesus encouraged the Christians to “overcome” seven times (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21). It is important to “overcome” whatever obstacle there is on earth in order to go to heaven. Who has already overcome the world (Jn. 16:33; Rev. 3:21; 5:5)? Can Christians overcome evil (Rom. 12:21; 1 Jn. 2:13-14; 4:4; Rev. 12:11)? What is necessary to overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4-5)? Which Christians will overcome in the end (Rev. 17:14)?
  
4. Jesus said seven times: “He that has an ear to hear, let him hear...” (2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22). We must hear what the (Holy) Spirit says to the church. We must always keep open eyes, ears, and hearts regarding God’s word. Why do some with ears not hear at all (Mt. 13:13-16; Acts 28:27)?