

A Comparison of the 7 Churches in Revelation 2-3: By Rev. R. Brady Henderson

<i>The Church</i>	<i>Christ</i>	<i>Commendation</i>	<i>Criticism</i>	<i>Correction</i>	<i>Challenge</i>
Ephesus (2:1-7)	Jesus Holds the seven stars in His right hand, and walks among the seven golden lamp-stands. This statement is drawn from Revelation 1:20.	Works, work ethic, endurance, tolerance of evil, judgment of false teachers in their words and actions.	You left your first love.	Remember, repent and then return to your first works or be removed. You will lose your lampstand.	You will eat from the tree of life in paradise. (Revelation 22:2).
Smyrna (2:8-11)	The First and the Last, who died and came to life. <i>Revelation 1:17-18.</i>	You've put up with tribulation, poverty, and slander.			Do not fear, be faithful you will receive the Crown of life and not experience the second death. Revelation 20:6, 14 and Revelation 21:8.
Pergamos (2:12-17)	Has the sharp double-edged sword. Revelation 1:16.	Faithfulness, honor for the name of Jesus, refusal to deny faith in Christ.	You are guilty of spiritual compromise by holding the teachings of Balaam which has led to idolatry and sexual immorality. You are also guilty of the teaching of the Nicolaitans.	Repent or face the sword of God.	Receive My hidden manna, a white stone, and a new name. (Revelation 19:12).
Thyratira (2:18-20)	Has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like	Works, love, faith, service,	You tolerate Jezebel, a false prophetess who	Repent and hold fast what	You will receive authority over

	burnished bronze. Revelation 1:14-15.	and patient endurance.	led you into idolatry and sexual immorality.	you have until I come.	the nations, and the morning star. Revelation 20:1-6, Revelation 22:16.
Sardis (3:1-6)	Has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. Revelation 1:4, 20.	Works, undefiled clothes.	You are spiritually dead.	Wake up, strengthen what remains, remember: repent.	You will be clothed in white garments, not blotted out of the book of life. I will confess your name. Revelation 19:8, 14. Revelation 20:12, 15.
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	Holy and true One who has the key of David and who opens and shuts. Revelation 1:8.	Works, keeping of Jesus' word, refusal to deny His name.		Keep holding onto what you have.	You will be kept from the hour of temptation, made a pillar in God's temple, and receive the name of God, new Jerusalem, and Jesus' new name. Revelation 19:12. Revelation 21:2, Revelation 22:4.
Laodicea (3:14-22)	The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. Revelation 1:5.		You are lukewarm, wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.	Buy refined gold from Jesus and white clothing, eye salve. Be Zealous and repent.	You will have communion with Christ and sit on His Throne. Revelation 20:4-6.

