

Jesus' Comments to the Seven Churches

(Revelation 2-3)

Church #1: The loveless church—Ephesus

“You have lost your first love” (see 2:4)

Church #2: The persecuted church—Smyrna

“I know how much you have suffered” (2:9)

Church #3: The lax church—Pergamos

“You tolerate sin” (2:14-15)

Church #4: The compromising church—Thyatira

“You permit the teaching of immoral practices” (2:20)

Church #5: The lifeless church—Sardis

“You are dead” (3:1)

Church #6: The obedient church—Philadelphia

“You have... kept My word, and have not denied My name” (3:8)

Church #7: The lukewarm church—Laodicea

“You are neither cold nor hot” (3:15)

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