

Christ's 7 Messages to 7 Churches & Valley View *Revelation 2 - 3*

THE **same pattern** to ALL 7 messages:

1. Reminder: From Whom this epistle comes (a reference - *most often* - back to John's vision of the *glorified Christ*)
2. Christ's Omniscience: "I know ..." (7xs)
3. Instruction and Warning: "Do this" (Repent), "Continue doing this," "Stop doing this," Commendations and Condemnations ...
4. Blessings for Obedience promised: "The one who conquers I will ..." (7xs)
5. Universal audience and application: "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

THE **7 Messages** with 7 *Different* Major Themes:

1. The First Letter: the *Church in Ephesus* - "You have left your first love" - Theme: **LOVE**
2. The Second Letter: the *Church in Smyrna* - "Be faithful unto death" - Theme: **FAITHFULNESS**
3. The Third Letter: the *Church in Pergamum* - "those who hold the teaching of" - **DOCTRINE**
4. The Fourth Letter: the *Church in Thyatira* - "You tolerate that woman Jezebel" - **PURITY**
5. The Fifth Letter: the *Church in Sardis* - "You have the reputation of being alive; *but dead*" Jas. 2:26, "Faith w/o works is dead." - **WORLDLY**
6. The Sixth Letter: the *Church in Philadelphia* - "You have kept My Word" - **OBEDIENCE**