

REVELATION 2

LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS

Chapter 2

Summary: Jesus requires love and faithfulness from His Church.

I. The loveless church (1-7): (A) destination [Ephesus] (1); (B) commendation [faithful service] (2-3); (C) rebuke [lost love] (4); (D) exhortation [repent] (5); (E) commendation [pure doctrine] (6); (F) promise [eternal life] (7).

Lesson: *We first love God; then through Him we love one another.*

II. The persecuted church (8-11): (A) destination [Smyrna] (8); (B) commendation [faithful service] (9); (C) rebuke [none]; (D) exhortation [don't fear] (10a); (E) promise [eternal life] (10b-11)

Lesson: *Sufferings for Christ, while difficult, keep us pure in faith and life.*

III. The compromising church (12-17): (A) destination [Pergamos] (12); (B) commendation [faithful service] (13); (C) rebuke [compromise] (14-15); (D) exhortation [repent] (16); (E) promise [Jesus Christ] (17).

Lesson: *Godly purity requires faithfulness, not compromise.*

IV. The corrupt church (18-29): (A) destination [Thyatira] (18); (B) commendation [faithful service] (19); (C) rebuke [harlotry] (20-23); (D) exhortation [hold fast] (24-25); (E) promise [authority ~ see 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 3:21] (26-29).

Lesson: *Godly purity requires faithfulness, not harlotry.*