



Goodhope Ministries Bible Study
Jesus Christ Our Good Hope - II Thess 2:16

CLASS 4: SCROLL OF REVELATION
THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN ASSEMBLIES/CHURCHES PART 1
CHRIST'S STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS

TODAY'S WORK: REVELATION CHAPTER 2:-3:

- Focus for the need of Christ's Address to the Church – From HE who has been raised
 - Hosea 6:1-11 (1-2*) Let us know – let us pursue to know.
- What is it that Christ is saying what is His purpose?
 - Revelation 2:23 All assemblies will know HE is the ONE Searching the Kidneys/Minds & Hearts (Purity & Heart's desire) & will give to each one according to their works.
 - Revelation 2:7 To He who overcomes (Yisrael = to overcome with God) like Jacob who struggled with the angel for the Blessing.
- Letters are all given & sent at the same time and addressing the issues simultaneously. These 7 Churches of the day and into our present represent an tremendous imbalance in the 7 Spirits in the fullness of THE SPIRIT of Christ's Church which are His people.
- The Structure of the Letters:
 - To:
 - From:
 - Acknowledgement of Deeds
 - Criticisms/Observation
 - Exhortation or Urgings
 - Reward for Endurance & Repentance
 - Cost for not
 - Salutation of Letter always addressed & included the Churches (plural)
 - And "...to he who has ears to hear..."
- What is the BIG Issue Here? These Churches are in cities/communities that are Principalities and Strongholds of Satan!
 - Ephesians 6:12-18
- Principalities & Strongholds:
 - The church of Smyrna faced a synagogue of Satan
 - The church of Pergamum lived where Satan's throne is
 - Thyatira fought against the deep things of Satan - The Deep things of Satan - as they call them - taken at face value meaning that Jezebel and her children had association with Satan personally.
 - The level of satanic involvement in the church should not be underestimated!
- Observation: Christ holds the 7 stars/angels of each of the churches in His Right Hand & walks/moves amongst the 7 Lampstands (churches). He holds the 7 Spirits of God & the 7 stars/angels but he never mentions holding the churches compromised spirit. He is addressing their spirit through their angels.

- Christ addresses each specific church within the greater Church with a specific attribute of HIS Nature in direct relationship to their issue.
 - FROM:
 - The One who holds the 7 Stars (angels) in His Right Hand - The One who walks among the 7 Golden Lampstands (assemblies/churches)
 - He who is the First & the Last, who was dead, and has come back to life. The One who has the sharp two edged sword (Word of God)
 - The Son of God who has the eyes of flames of fire & His feet are like burnished copper
 - He who has the 7 Spirits of God & the 7 Stars (angels)
 - He who is Holy - Who is True, Who has the Key of David (power, authority, kingdom), who opens & no one will shut & who shuts and no one opens.
 - The Amen, the Faithful & True Witness - The Beginning of the Creation of God
 - (John 1: 1-5)
 - Promise for those who Endure Including the CHURCH - Not only are we given the great promise that we as children of God able and will endure - SO WILL HIS CHURCH! It may be remnant and small but it will endure.
 - Notes at summation of letter to all churches: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life in the Paradise of God.
 - 13 Rewards to the overcomer through the persecution to the end:
 - Authority over nations (2:26)
 - Name not erased from the Book of Life (3:5)
 - Inherits the earth (21:7)
 - New name on a white stone (2:17)
 - Eat of hidden manna (2:17)
 - Pillar in temple (3:12)
 - Sits on Christ's throne (3:21)
 - Tree of Life (2:7)
 - Not hurt by second death (2:11)
 - Morning star (2:28)
 - White Garments (3:5)
 - Name of God, city, and Christ written on him (3:12)
 - Name confessed before the Father and His angels (3:5)
 - Those individuals in the seven churches who are not overcomers are promised:
 - War with the sword of the Lord's mouth (2:16)
 - To be thrown into the great tribulation (2:22)
 - Children killed with the pestilence (2:23)
 - To receive according to their deeds (2:23)
 - Christ to come like a thief (3:3)
 - Spit out of the Lord's mouth (3:16)
 - Reproof and discipline (3:19)

As the overcomer is promised particular blessings in Rev 21:7, each church is offered future rewards in light of their particular situation