

A review of the Seven Churches and the essence of the congregational message to each one.

EPHESUS	Devotion, not doctrine or works
SMYRNA	Endure persecution with patience
PERGAMOS	Stand fast in the Word, and against the world
THYATIRA	Abandon pagan practices, denounce Jezebel
SARDIS	Be watchful and diligent
PHILADELPHIA	Continue in love and outreach
LAODICEA	Cease compromising and repent

Here is the essence of each personal message to the individuals.

EPHESUS	Return to your first love, prioritize
SMYRNA	Stay faithful in the face of opposition
PERGAMOS	Forsake worldly compromise
THYATIRA	Forsake manipulation, control and stubbornness
SARDIS	Hold fast to what the Lord has done for you
PHILADELPHIA	My favor is upon you; I will keep you
LAODICEA	Repent and I will yet bless you

Matthew 13 - parable

Vs 3-9	The sower and the seed
Vs 10-17	Why parables?
Vs 18-23	The sower and seed explained
Vs 24-30	The wheat and tares
Vs 31-32	The mustard seed
Vs 33	The woman and the leaven
Vs 34-35	Why parables – a second time
Vs 36-43	The wheat and the tares explained
Vs 44	Hidden treasures
Vs 45-46	The Pearl of great Price
Vs 47-50	The Dragnet

Revelation 2-3	Matthew 13
EPHESUS	Sower & Soils – the early Church & its priorities – return to your first love
SMYRNA	Wheat & Tares – struggled with Gnosticism, stay faithful to the truth
PERGAMUM	Mustard Seed – stand fast in the Word, flee worldliness
THYATIRA	Woman & Leaven – denounce false doctrine & Jezebel
SARDIS	Treasure in the Field – you have buried the Gospel & you live like the world
PHILADELPHIA	Pearl of Great Price – Rapture, love, His Bride
LAODICEA	Dragnet – the end time church & the harvest

Paul wrote letters to 7 Churches

Romans

1 & 2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Main themes of each of Paul's letters – Same as what Jesus said in His letters to the 7 Churches of Revelation

EPHESUS	Ephesians: Salvation by grace through faith, not of works – Ephesus was caught up in works and had left their first love
SMYRNA	Philippians: Joy in suffering – Smyrna was the suffering church that endured and was faithful
PERGAMUM	1 & 2 Corinthians; worldly, immoral, the doctrine of the Nicolaitans
THYATIRA	Galatians: what happened to you? Jezebel, witchcraft, idolatry
SARDIS	Romans: Return to the true Gospel – you are inwardly dead though you pretend to be alive
PHILADELPHIA	1 & 2 Thessalonians – the Rapture promise, Holy living, faithfulness
LAODICEA	Colossians: Supremacy of Christ, the true Gospel, how to live the Christian life the letter that Paul instructed should also be read in Laodicea