

BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET FOR REVELATION 2:1-7

The seven churches described in Revelation 2-3 are seven literal churches at the time that the Apostle John was writing the Revelation (of Jesus Christ). They were literal churches in Asia Minor at that time, which can also give instruction to churches and believers today. The purpose of the letters was to communicate with these churches and instruct them in God's truth (praise, criticism, correction, instruction, and promise).

Note: Some hold to the prevalent teaching that the seven churches are a foreshadowing of seven Church periods in history. The problem with this view (which is nowhere taught in the Bible) is that each church presents characteristics that could fit churches *at any time of history including today*. There is far too much speculation (eisegesis) on this topic. Our focus should be on what applicable message God is giving us through the letters to the seven churches.

Read Revelation 2:1-7. Written to the Church in Ephesus, this is one of seven letters to seven churches. Answer the following questions...

1. The letter is written to the angel (Aggelos: messenger, pastor, leader) by _____ through the Apostle John.
2. The **commendation** (praise). List the verses:
 - List the commendations:
3. The **criticism**. List the verse(s):
 - Why does the LORD find this so important? How would that affect our lives and life in the Kingdom?
4. What **instruction** does Jesus give the Ephesian church?
 - List the "steps." What are the consequences for disobeying?
5. What is the **promise** for obedience?
6. What are the **applicable truths** for us today? Continue on the back if necessary.