

# ★ Message to the Seven Churches

## The Seven Candlesticks

## Lesson 12

### The Teacher's Preparation

**Scripture Passages to Study:** Revelation 2 & 3

**Study Guide:** Read “Message to the Seven Churches: *The Seven Candlesticks*” from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

**Lesson Objective:** Even though God’s message was given to seven churches, each member was responsible for his own response. When we stand before Christ, He will not ask, “What did your church do?” His question will be, “What did you do?”

**Lesson Application:** Am I saved? Am I Scripturally baptized? Am I living the kind of life that will not make me ashamed when I stand before Christ?

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 2:2



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

*I know thy works, and thy labour,  
and thy patience, and how thou canst  
not bear them which are evil.*

—Revelation 2:2

### The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Kaleidoscope

### Teacher Tips

We must remember the impact that we can have on our students if we take the time to care.





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The Book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible. Revelation 1:1 says that it is “The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.”

John “fell at his feet as dead” (Revelation 1:17) when he saw Jesus. But Jesus told him not to be afraid. He told John to write a message to each of the seven churches.

### The Format

To each church, Jesus calls Himself by a different name. Jesus is so wonderful that one name cannot describe Him. Maybe He uses many names to show us that He can help us with anything we need. If we are lonely, Jesus is our Friend. If we are weak, He is Almighty. If we remember that He is the One Who has a sharp, two-edged sword, it will keep us from sin. We may enjoy the love of God, but we must always have a fear of God, or a great respect for God, as well.

Jesus used these words as He spoke to each of the seven churches: “These things saith he...I know thy works.” God knows everything about us. He sees us when we sin. And He sees us when we are doing right. Knowing this should help us do what is right all of the time.

God had a special message for each church. He gave this message to His servant John, who gave the message to the church. This is still God’s plan today. He uses a pastor to preach His Word to the church. It is important to go to church. It is important to listen to the message God gives you through your pastor.

John gave God’s message to the seven churches. Every member was to listen and obey it. That is the job of every church member today too. We must all listen to God’s message from God’s man. Then, we must obey it.

### The Messages

Jesus had a special message for each church. He told each one what they were doing right and what they were doing wrong. He also told them what to do about it.

The church at Ephesus had left its first love. They were not serving God with their whole heart like they did when they were first saved. God said they must change their ways if they wanted to remain a church.

The church at Smyrna suffered many trials. Some of the people had been put in prison. God told them to keep doing right, not to give up.

The church at Pergamos had let wrong beliefs come into the church. Jesus told them they must keep their beliefs right.

The church at Thyatira had listened to a sinful woman. She told the people it was all right

to do some terrible sins. Jesus told them she was wrong. He told them to keep their lives pure and clean.

The church at Sardis seemed to be a good church. But Jesus knew it was really a dead church. Everyone thought the church was doing what God said to do. But Jesus knew that it wasn't. Jesus told them to wake up and do what He had commanded them to do.

The church at Philadelphia was a very good church. The members listened to God's Word and obeyed it. This church pleased God.

The people in the church at Laodicea thought they were really good. They didn't think they needed anything. But God said they were lukewarm in their love for Him and that they must repent. They must change their ways.

### **Conclusion**

Jesus gave John the messages to these churches over 2,000 years ago. But the messages God gave to them are still very important to us today. We must read God's Word and let it speak to our hearts. We must ask the Holy Spirit to change our hearts. We must faithfully do the work God has for us. And we must do it with a heart of love for God.

### **Teacher's Notes**

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