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Revelation 1 : 1 – 3

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him

The message sent was signified

‘semaino’ – to indicate, to give a sign

The message was sent to His servant John

Revelation 1 : 9 – 11

John is exiled on the island of Patmos

He hears the word of the Lord saying

“What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia...”

Where do we stand?

The 7 Churches are divided into 3 categories:

2 Churches that receive only Condemnation

Sardis, Laodicea

2 Churches that receive only Praise

Smyrna, Philadelphia

3 Churches that received both Praise and Condemnation

Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira

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Two common phrases that Jesus will use:

“I know your works”

Jesus/God are watching always there is nothing that we can hide from their face.

Jeremiah 23 : 24

“Can any hide himself in secret places...Do not I fill heaven and earth?...”

“He who has an ear let him hear”

Jesus/God are patient and want repentance always. (II Peter 3 : 9)

It is also a statement of encouragement. It not only means just hearing like in the physical sense but more of a commandment.

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Condemnation

Sardis (Revelation 3 : 1 – 6)

Alive but dead works

Not found your works perfect before God

Hold fast and repent

Those who overcome will be clothed in white garments

Laodicea (Revelation 3 : 14 – 22)

Neither cold nor hot

They will be vomited out of His mouth

Why they are neither cold nor hot?

“I am rich...and have need of nothing...”

Encouraged to repent

Those who overcome will sit with Him

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Praise

Smyrna (Revelation 2 : 8 – 11)

They are opposite of their brethren in Laodicea

Laodicea was lukewarm – Smyrna is on fire

Laodicea was rich yet poor – Smyrna was poor yet rich

II Corinthians 8 : 9

Jesus became poor so you could be rich

Romans 8 : 18

Encouraged to remain faithful

Philadelphia (Revelation 3 : 7 – 13)

They have little strength – yet Jesus gave them an open door

Encourages remaining faithful

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Praise and Condemnation

Ephesus (Revelation 2 : 1 – 7)

Their good works – They could not bear those who are evil

Their bad works – Left their first love

I Corinthians 13 : 1 – 3

“...if I have not love...”

Encouraged to repent and return back to their first love.

Pergamos (Revelation 2 : 12 – 17)

Their good works – They have remained faithful unto death

Their bad works – They were not abiding by Church discipline

What should they have done?

I Corinthians 5 : 1 – 8

Encouraged to repent and come back to Him fully

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Thyatira (Revelation 2 : 18 – 29)

Their good works – The last are more than the first

Their bad works – They failed to put Jezebel to the test.

I John 4 : 1 – 3

“...test the spirits...”

Encouraged to repent and commissioned to remain faithful until the end.

Where do we stand?

Where do you feel Pleasant Valley Church of Christ stands?

Would we received only Praise, only Condemnation, or both?

Where do you want Pleasant Valley Church of Christ to be?

It begins with you and me.

