

# Church

The church is the people... you!

Today's message— **“People in the Church Community Today”**

7 churches, 7 people, 7 identities

Looking at the book of Revelation.

## I. Ephesus- the loveless church/ people

- Rev. 2:1-7
- Hard-working, hated evil, patient, strong, persevering **BUT they left their “first love”**
- Matt. 22:37-38

**Have you left your first Love?**

## II. Smyrna—the persecuted church/ people

- Rev. 2: 8-11
- Hard-working, troubled, always going through stuff **BUT remain faithful; be an overcomer!**
- Rom. 8:37

**Are you an overcomer?**

## III. Pergamum- the worldly church/people

- Rev. 2:12-17
- Tolerant, allowed sin, compromise and immorality, had work and good deeds **BUT didn't look different from the world**
- 2 Cor. 6:17

**Do you find yourself compromising in your belief?**

## IV. Thyatira- the wrong doctrine church/people

- Rev. 2:18-29
- Love, faith, patient, did a lot of good **BUT did not have sound doctrine** and were infiltrated by idolatry, sexual sin and pagan traditions
- 2 Tim. 4:3

## **Are your beliefs based on sound doctrine?**

### V. Sardis- the spiritually dead church/people

- Rev. 3:1-6
- Small in faith, few in number, flickering flames, going through the motions; dead!
- Rom. 8:10
- 1 Jn. 4:9
- Rom. 6:11
- Rom. 8:11

## **Are you lifeless and just going through the motions?**

### VI. Philadelphia- the spiritually alive church/people

- Rev. 3:7-13
- Persevering, true to the Word not opinion, Christ-honoring, escaping the hour of trial!
- 1 Jn. 5:4-5

## **Are you fully alive in Jesus Christ?**

### VII. Laodicea- the lukewarm church/people

- Rev. 3:14-22
- Nothing good, self-reliant or relying on the things of this world; wretched, miserable, blind; vomit in God's mouth!
- Luke 10:27

## **Are you lukewarm in your faith?**

All 7 were told to listen to what the Spirit is saying! 5 needed to repent. 2 needed to remain! ALL need Jesus! (1 Cor. 11:23-32)