

Final Study of the Seven Churches: review & summary

- Matthew 16:18 - I will build My church
- Jesus is High Priest: Revelation 1:12-13, 20, 2:1
- Hear what the Spirit says to the churches

Things the Lord never mentions in the seven letters:

- Church size / programs / facilities / finances / technology / start or end times / worship style
- Conclusion: His priority concerns lay elsewhere

What Pleased and Displeased the Lord

- Ephesus
 - Pleased: Works, toil, patient endurance, bearing up, not weary, tested claims to be apostles, hated works of Nicolaitans
 - Displeased: Left their first love
- Smyrna
 - Pleased: They were spiritually rich
 - Displeased: Nothing

What Pleased and Displeased the Lord

- Pergamum
 - Pleased: Held fast the Name of the Lord, did not deny the Faith
 - Displeased: Some held the teaching of Balaam and the Nicolaitans
- Thyatira
 - Pleased: Works, love, faith, service, patient endurance
 - Displeased: Tolerated Jezebel's compromising influence

What Pleased and Displeased the Lord

- Sardis
 - Pleased: Nothing
 - Displeased: Dead church
- Philadelphia
 - Pleased: Works, kept the Lord's Word, not denied His Name
 - Displeased: Little power

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- Laodicea
 - Pleased: Nothing
 - Displeased: Lukewarm, wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, naked

Promises to overcomers: faithful to Him, the Gospel & the Word of God

- Overcomers: those who remain faithful to the Lord no matter what
- Eat of the Tree of Life in the Paradise of God
- Will not be hurt by the second death

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- Hidden manna, a white stone, a new name
- Authority over the nation, the Morning Star
- Clothed in white garments, name never blotted out of book, name confessed
- Pillar in the temple of God, Names written on them
- Granted to sit with the Lord on His throne

He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches

