

# The Book of Revelation

September 28 WEEK 4

## *“When Love Grows Cold, Old, and Starts to Fold”* Letters to Ephesus, Smyrna, and Pergamum

I. **It’s All About Jesus** (Rev. 1:12-20; review from Sunday)

### II. The Message to the Church at Ephesus

- a. **Background of Ephesus**
  - i. **Importance of City**
  - ii. **Beginning of Church in Ephesus**
  - iii. **Revival from drug culture and \_\_\_\_\_ activity**
  - iv. **Center for church-\_\_\_\_\_ in all of Asia** (Acts 19:10)
  - v. **Their elders placed in charge of \_\_\_\_\_ accuracy** (Acts 20)
- b. **Pastor Hall of Fame: Apollos, Aquilla & Priscilla, Paul, Timothy, John** (not to mention Mary, mother of Jesus)
- c. **To the angel/messenger** (teaching pastor/elders) Rev. 2:1
- d. **Jesus KNOWS** v. 2a
- e. **Dedicated to the work of the church** v. 2b
- f. **Doctrinally clear as \_\_\_\_\_ but just as \_\_\_\_\_** v. 2c-4
- g. **When love grows cold we must \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_.**
- h. **Jesus walks with them (\_\_\_\_\_)**
- i. **Beware of Nicolaitans!** (cf. Pergamum)

### III. The Message to the Church at Smyrna (modern-day Izmir)

- a. **Background of Smyrna**
- b. **One of two churches with no \_\_\_\_\_ comments**
- c. **Persecution \_\_\_\_\_ pretenders & \_\_\_\_\_ defenders** (II Tim. 3:12)
- d. **Tribulation = \_\_\_\_\_**
- e. **The church of Satan** (Rom. 2:28; John 8:44)
- f. **Story of Polycarp (Love grew old)**
- g. **Jesus suffered & died for them (\_\_\_\_\_)**

### IV. The Message to the Church at Pergamum

- a. **Background of Pergamum**
- b. **Balaam / Nicolaitans**
- c. **Churches begin to fold when they stop being \_\_\_\_\_**
- d. **The church that is weak on \_\_\_\_\_, will never be able to \_\_\_\_\_ its members from I \_\_\_\_\_ & I \_\_\_\_\_**
- e. **Hidden Manna = \_\_\_\_\_**
- f. **White Stones = Free \_\_\_\_\_**
- g. **Jesus gave the Sword, Word of God** (Heb. 4:12) (\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_)