

" Patmos: The Church Assessed by Christ "

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Pastor Ed recommends these and other resources to you. He invites you to contact him at info@EastonWorshipCenter.org to join in our online discussions.

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Revelation 1:9 NIV

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Ephesus Worship Center: The Church of Harsh Purity

Message: don't let your love of God and your neighbors grow cold

Danger: losing "first love"

Promise to overcomers: right to eat from the Tree of Life

Smyrna Worship Center: The Church of Persecution

Message: don't fear the persecutions of the world

Danger: fear of suffering

Promise to overcomers: deliverance from the 2nd death

Pergamum Worship Center: The Church of Compromise

Message: trust the Word of God to keep you strong and faithful

Danger: doctrinal compromise

Promise to overcomers: hidden manna & white stone with new name written

Thyatira Worship Center: The Church of Spiritual Adultery

Message: avoid sexual and spiritual adultery

Danger: moral compromise

Promise to overcomers: authority over the nations and the morning star

Sardis Worship Center: The Church of the Living Dead

Message: wake up from your spiritual deadness before it's too late

Danger: spiritual deadness

Promise to overcomers: pure white covering & name not blotted out of the Book of Life

Philadelphia Worship Center: The Church of the Open Door

Message: you have kept my word and not denied my name

Danger: not holding fast

Promise to overcomers: they will be made a pillar in the Temple

Laodicea Worship Center: The Church of Lukewarm Deeds

Message: Be either hot or cold, but not lukewarm

Danger: lukewarm deeds are ineffective and spiritually good for nothing

Promise to overcomers: sharing of his throne

What about us?

ekklesia – his assembly of those who have been called out by him.
Where do we stand as a *church*, according to the standards that Jesus has raised?

Harsh purity like Ephesus?

Persecution to come like Smyrna?

Doctrinal compromise like Pergamum?

Spiritual adultery like Thyatira?

The Living Dead like Sardis?

The Open Door like Philadelphia?

Lukewarm deeds like Laodicea?

Talmadim like he intends his *Ekklesia* to be?
[Talmidim are followers of a Rabbi (“Jesus”) who pursue the *knowledge, action, and character* of the Rabbi]

Is it our burning desire to not only *know what he knows* but also to *act like he acts* and to *become who he is*?

Are we committed to be his *ekklesia* – to be the assembly of those who gather together because he has called us out?

Are we storming the gates of hell, or are we merely telling those who are that we will pray for them?

Life Scriptures for this week

This week we will re-read Jesus’ words to each congregation. What is he saying to you in these verses? What could he be saying to us?

Mon, Aug 30	Revelation 2.1-7
Tue, Aug 31	Revelation 2.8-11
Wed, Sep 1	Revelation 2.12-17
Thu, Sep 2	Revelation 2.18-29
Fri, Sep 3	Revelation 3.1-6
Sat, Sep 4	Revelation 3.7-13
Sun, Sep 5	Revelation 3.14-22

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