

# Jesus's Letters to the Churches, Part 2

Revelation 2:12–3:6

## Lesson 5 Questions

### First Day: Read Lesson 4 Notes.

*The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.*

1. How did the lecture convict or encourage you as the Lord addressed the churches in Ephesus and Smyrna?
2. From the notes, how do the challenges faced by the early churches relate to churches today?

### Second Day: Read Revelation 2:12-17.

*The Lord addressed the church in Pergamum.*

3. What positive attributes of the church in Pergamum did the Lord commend?
4.
  - a. How did Balaam's teaching lead some of God's people astray? (For more background information, see Numbers 22–25; 31:16.)
  - b. What weapon did Jesus say He would use to fight against wrong teaching, and what does His weapon represent? (See also Ephesians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and Hebrews 4:12.)
  - c. How might God's Word expose wrong thinking or behavior in your life? Give examples.
5. What rewards did Jesus promise to the victorious, and how does each impact you today? (See also Exodus 16:34; 28:21; Isaiah 65:15; John 6:35; and 1 Peter 2:5 or other Scripture references you find.)

### Third Day: Read Revelation 2:18-23.

*The Lord addressed the church in Thyatira.*

6. What positive attributes of the church in Thyatira did the Lord commend?
7.
  - a. What negative similarities existed between the churches of Pergamum and Thyatira?
  - b. The false teacher here was identified, either symbolically or literally, as Jezebel. Read 1 Kings

16:29-33; 19:1-2; 21:1-28; and 2 Kings 9:30-37, along with any other references you find in the Bible to the name Jezebel, and describe her character.

- c. In the Revelation passage, what would be the result of this false teacher's failure to repent of sin?
8. What do you learn about Jesus when you compare verses 19 and 23? How does this challenge or comfort you?

#### **Fourth Day: Read Revelation 2:24-29.**

*The Lord encourages His followers to live in obedience.*

9. How did Jesus commend and encourage believers in Thyatira regarding what to hold on to? How will you hold on to the truth until Jesus comes?
10. a. What is Jesus's will for believers, and how does He reward those who do His will? Share any verses that support your answer.
- b. How do the promises in verses 26-29 motivate you to follow Jesus today? (See also Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:23; and 1 Corinthians 6:2-3.)

#### **Fifth Day: Read Revelation 3:1-6.**

*The Lord addressed the church at Sardis.*

11. a. What did Jesus know about the church at Sardis, and what did He command them to do?
- b. How do these verses apply to your life?
12. To what do the clean, white clothes in verses 4-5 refer? How do these promises assure or encourage you? (See also Daniel 12:3; Matthew 13:43; Romans 13:14; Jude 23; and Revelation 19:8.)

#### **Sixth Day: Review Revelation 2:12-3:6.**

*Jesus awakens sinners to repent from sin and live for Him.*

13. What have you learned about God in this week's study?

*Passage Discovery (homiletics, word study, etc.) for Group and Administrative Leaders: Revelation 2:12-3:6*