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CHRIST SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCHES.

I. Letter to Ephesus - Rev. 2:1-7

1. their faithfulness - works, toil, patience.
2. their failure.
 - A. Left their first love.
 - B. Remember, Return, Repent
 - C. Warning - remove candlestick
 - D. Reward

II. Letter to Smyrna. 2:8-11

1. a church afraid of being overcome
2. A Christ who has already overcome
3. His message to the church
 - A. v. 9. I know what you are going through
 - B. v. 10. Don't be afraid.
4. His promise to the overcomer.

III. The Letter to Pergamum. 2:12-17

1. the Christ who criticizes
2. what He judges as commendable
3. what He judges as condemns.
4. the verdict of the critic.
 - A. Command - "Repent, or else"
 - B. warning - "Hear what the spirit saith."
 - C. Promise. (1) hidden manna - mysterious supply of spiritual sustenance.
(2) white stone, - reward for the victor

IV. Letter to Thyatira - 2:18-29.

1. The Sovereign Savior
2. Shown in His omniscience - v. 19, 23
3. Shown in His Judgment of evil - 20-23
4. " " Rewarding the righteous - v. 24
5. Our life is safe in the hands of Him who holds the courses of the stars of heaven, and the destiny of the nations of earth.

V. the Letter to Sardis. 3:1-6

1. Christ the Living Word. v. 1
2. His exhortation to the church. v. 3
3. Their little life.
 - A. Its reality
 - B. Its potentiality. v. 4, 5

VI. The Letter to Philadelphia. 3:7-17

1. The keeper of the key. 1:18; 3:8
2. The use of the keys
 - A. to open - missionary opportunity
 - B. to close - divine protection
3. They had only a little power, yet they were faithful - no condemnation.

VII. The Letter to Laodicea. 3:14-22

1. the trustworthy witness. v. 14
 2. His witness concerning their condition. 15-17
 3. " " " His provision for them. v. 18, 21
 4. " " " His relation to them. v. 19, 20
- He loves them, calls them to repentance, reproves & chastens.
He will come in to anyone who will let Him. v. 20