

# The Churches of Revelation: Jesus Speaks His Mind

## *Pt. 7- "Crazy Love or Complacent Heart?"*

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**Ephesus was "Busy"**

*Jesus said...Return to your first love.*

**Smyrna was "Suffering"**

*Jesus said... Be fearless, Be faithful!*

**Pergamum was "Confused"**

*Jesus said...Recognize that "doubts" grow out of relationship.*

**Thyatira was "Tolerant"**

*Jesus said...Stay uncomfortable with all that violates Scripture.*

**Sardis was "Dying"**

*Jesus said...Don't give up, wake up!*

**Philadelphia was "Weak"**

*Jesus said... Hold on to what you have.*

### **The Church at Laodicea**

**Revelation 3:14** "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation:

### **Jesus Shares His Complaint**

**Revelation 3:15-17** "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

### **See the truth about yourself...**

**Isaiah 1:18** "Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

### **Admit your need...**

**Proverbs 28:13-14** People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. Blessed are those who fear to do wrong, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.

## Jesus Challenge to the Church

**Revelation 3:18-19** So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

- Go to Jesus Alone

**Romans 10:9-10** If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

- Respond as a Deeply Loved Child

**John 1:12** But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

## Jesus Invitation

**Revelation 3:20-22** “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.”

## Open the Door of your Heart

**I John 1:7** But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**Romans 10:13** For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”