

The Seven Churches – Week 7

Ephesus
BUSY CHURCH

Smyrna
SUFFERING CHURCH

Pergamum
CONFUSED CHURCH

Thyatira
TOLERANT CHURCH

Sardis
DYING CHURCH

Philadelphia
GROWING CHURCH

Laodicea
COMPLACENT CHURCH

I. SEE THE SHOCKING TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF **(Revelation 3:14-16)**

Start by seeing the truth about God.

The amen: Worthy of my time

The faithful and true witness: Worthy of my trust

The ruler of God's creation: Worthy of my worship

Cold Lukewarm Hot

II. ADMIT YOUR DESPERATE NEED (Revelation 3:17)

We think we've met our own needs through:

Riches: What we acquire

Rules: What we require

Knowledge: How we inquire

Relationships: Who we desire

Achievement: How we aspire

The more self sufficient we think we are the more we unknowingly become:
pitiful, poor, spiritually poor, naked, and blind.

III. GO TO JESUS ALONE TO MEET YOUR DEEPEST NEEDS (Revelation 3:18)

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

"Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.'" John 7:37 (NIV)

"Jesus replied, 'I am the bread of life. No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry again.'" John 6:35 (NLT)

"I counsel you to buy from Me..."

Gold refined by fire... so you can become rich

White clothes to wear... to cover your nakedness.

Salve to cover your eyes... so you can see

IV. RESPOND AS A DEEPLY LOVED CHILD (Revelation 3:19)

V. CONTINUALLY OPEN THE DOOR TO JESUS (Revelation 3:20)

Scriptures Referenced – Revelation 3; John 6:35; John 7:37; Matthew 11:28