

The Seven Churches of Asia and What They Teach Us

Rev. 1:10-11

1. The Seven Churches of Asia.

- A. Asia is Western Turkey. (See Map)
- B. The Seven Churches were actually churches that existed then.
- C. They also represent 7 periods of time throughout the Church Age. (See chart)
- D. Their qualities and failures are brought out in Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation.
- E. Today we will be looking at the first church and the last church.

2. The Church of Ephesus **Rev. 2:1,2, 4-5** “Thou hast left thy first love.”

3. **Mal. 2:11** Judah left their holiness in the Lord. Holiness in the church must not be lost. **I Peter 1:15-16** **II Cor. 7:1** **Heb. 12:14**

4. The Church of Laodicea **Rev. 3:14-19** We must resist becoming the lukewarm church.

A. Lessons we can learn from church history.

- 1. John and Charles Wesley and George Whitefield ignited The Great Awakening Revival in the 1730's. Returning to holiness was their main message.
- 2. The great Holy Ghost Revival of the early 20th Century with the evidence of speaking in other tongues was accompanied with a return to holiness.

B. The Bible teaches us to maintain holiness in our lives.

I Cor. 6:19; 3:16-17; Psal. 96:9

- 1. Women should be modest in their dress.
I Tim. 2:9-10 **I Pet. 3:3-5;** **Deut. 22:5**
- 2. The hair question: **I Cor. 11:4-5, 13-16**
- 3. Receiving communion: **I Cor. 11:23-32**
Let's not be “Laodicean” in our walk with God.