



**REVELATION:
THE SEVEN CHURCHES (PART 1)**

Revelation 2

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BIG IDEA: We must never sacrifice doctrinal purity on the altar of tolerance.

EPHESUS—THE LOVELESS CHURCH (vv. 1-7)

The church must protect its doctrine. (*Galatians 1:8; 1 Timothy 4:11-16*)

We are not saved by our works, nor are we saved without them. (*James 2:14-18*)

SMYRNA—THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (vv. 8-11)

Persecution can cultivate a richness in faith. (*James 1:2-4*)

We must remain faithful throughout tribulation. (*2 Peter 1:10*)

PERGAMUM—THE COMPROMISING CHURCH (vv. 12-17)

A church attractive to the world, may have too much world in the church. (*James 4:4*)

Deep conviction can cure compromise. (*1 Thessalonians 1:4-5*)

THYATIRA—THE TOLERANT CHURCH (vv. 18-29)

The culture should not dictate our practice in the church. (*Romans 12:2; Colossians 2:8*)

The church should not tolerate sexual immorality. (*1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Romans 1:28-32*)