

The Book of Revelation

Chapter TWO

Introduction:

Revelation chapter two reveals the potentate position of Jesus Christ among the churches. Four of the seven churches are examined in this chapter. The study illustrates God's demand for man's absolute perfection and the rewards and consequences for doing such.

- I. **God demands man's absolute perfection (see Phil. 3:13-15; Heb. 7:18-19; 1 Jn. 3:4):**
 - A. The Ephesians toiled, exercised patience, did not support or tolerate wicked men, they had not grown weary in the work of the Lord, they tried men who were imposters and found them to be false, and they hated the works of the Nicolaitans. Though they appears rock solid they were called upon to repent due to having left their first love.
 - B. The church of Pergamum faithfully held fast to the authoritative words of Jesus. Their fault; however, was detected by the omniscient Lord. They had some that held to the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans. These too are called upon to repent.
 - C. The church of Thyatira was composed of people who exercised love, faith, service, patience, and spiritual growth; however, they were guilty of tolerating Jezebel and her evil antics. Once again, the wicked are called upon to repent.
- II. **A glorious award awaits those who shall "overcome"**
 - A. The blessed will be given of the tree of life to eat in the paradise of God (Rev. 2:7)
 - B. A crown of life and the avoidance of the second death (Rev. 2:10b-11).
 - C. The hidden manna and a white stone with a new name (Rev. 2:17).
 - D. Authority over nations and the morning star (Rev. 2:25-28).
- III. **The fearful consequences of rejecting God's warnings:**
 - A. God gives to man "according to your works" (Rev. 2:23).
 - B. Those who will not repent:
 1. Will have their candlestick removed from the presence of God (Rev. 2:5).
 2. Shall be hurt by the second death (Rev. 2:11).
 3. Christ will wage war against you and you will not prevail (Rev. 2:15).

Conclusion:

The all sovereign and potentate Lord lays out his demands even in the midst of intense persecutions. The Christian must overcome or else suffer the eternal consequences. The tribulations of this life will soon pass and eternity's doors await us all. Where will you be in eternity?