

## I KNOW YOU

Rev 2-3

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ὁ βλέπεις γράψον εἰς βιβλίον καὶ πέμψον ταῖς ἑπτὰ ἐκκλησίαις, εἰς Ἔφεσον καὶ εἰς Σμύρναν καὶ εἰς Πέργαμον καὶ εἰς Θυάτειρα καὶ εἰς Σάρδεις καὶ εἰς Φιλαδέλφειαν καὶ εἰς Λαοδίκειαν.	<b>Rev 1:11</b> "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."
Ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ ποιμὴν ὁ καλὸς καὶ γινώσκω τὰ ἑμέα καὶ γινώσκουσί με τὰ ἑμέα,	<b>John 10:14</b> I am the <b>good shepherd</b> . I know my own and my own know me,
<b>1 Pt 5:7</b> πᾶσαν τὴν μέριμναν ὑμῶν ἐπιρίψαντες ἐπ' αὐτόν, ὅτι αὐτῷ μέλει περὶ ὑμῶν.	<b>1 Pt 5:7</b> ...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

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- (1) Ephesus, (2) Smyrna, (3) Pergamum, (4) Thyatira, (5) Sardis, (6) Philadelphia, (7) Laodicea

**0.2. TYPICAL SITUATIONS**

- relationships;

**1. WHAT JESUS IS LOOKING AT/FOR**

- (1 Eph) **Rev 2:2** "I know your works, ...toil ...patient endurance, ...you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.
- **Rev 2:3** I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.
- **Rev 2:4** But I have this **against you**, that you have abandoned **the love** you had at first.
- **Rev 2:6** Yet this you have: you hate the works of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate
- (2 Smyr) **Rev 2:9** I know your tribulation and your poverty ( but you are rich) and the slander
- (3 Perg) **Rev 2:13** I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is.
- **Rev 2:14** But I have a few things **against you**: you have some there who hold the teaching of **Balaam**
- (4 Thya) **Rev 2:19** I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.

- **Rev 2:20** But **I have this against you**, that **you** tolerate (ἀφείλες) that woman **Jezebel**
- (5 Sard) **Rev 3:1** "**I know** your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.
- (6 Phil) **Rev 3:8** **I know** your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. **I know** that you have but little power... **Rev 3:10** ou have kept my word about patient endurance...
- (7 Laod) **Rev 3:15** "**I know** your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! **Rev 3:20** I stand at the door and knock

### 1.1. THE HEART

- love (→ hatred [Nicolaitans]) – faith – courage
- reality (formalism)

### 1.2. RADICAL COMMITMENT

- truth – intolerance to deception (Nicolaitans, Balaam, Jezebel)
- neither cold nor hot

### 1.3. FAITHFULNESS

- perseverance; endurance...
- “faithful unto death”

## 2. HOW JESUS IS HELPING YOU

- All the resources for your troubles are *IN HIM!*
- (1 Eph) **Rev 2:1** The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.
- (2 Smy) **Rev 2:8** The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.
- (3 Perg) **Rev 2:12** The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.
- (4 Thyat) **Rev 2:18** The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.
- (5 Sard) **Rev 3:1** The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.
- (6 Phil) **Rev 3:7** The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.
- (7 Laod) **Rev 3:14** The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

### 2.1. LOOK AT HIM

- **He** has everything you need to live the holy life and “happy” life: (1) resurrection life, (2) power, (3) authority, (4) knowledge

### 2.2. IDENTIFY WITH HIM

- Unite your heart and mind with Him in love.

## 3. HOW JESUS IS MOTIVATING YOU

- Look to the future!
- (1 Eph) **Rev 2:7** To the one **who conquers** I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'
- (2 Smy) **Rev 2:11** The one **who conquers** will not be hurt by the second death.'
- (3 Perg) **Rev 2:17** To the one **who conquers** I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'
- (4 Thyat) **Rev 2:26-28** The one **who conquers** and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,<sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.<sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star.<sup>1</sup> (shining above all other stars)

<sup>1</sup> The morning star is generally taken, in both 2:28 and 22:16, to be an allusion to Numbers 24:17, where the star that comes out of Jacob was widely interpreted as a reference to the Davidic Messiah. (BAUCKHAM) A preferable understanding of the morning star is the promise that in the messianic kingdom, the righteous will shine as stars. (THOMAS)

- (5 Sard) **Rev 3:5** The one **who conquers** will be clothed thus in **white garments**, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.
- (6 Phil) **Rev 3:12** he one **who conquers**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God,<sup>2</sup> the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.
- (7 Laod) **Rev 3:21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne

### 3.1. THE NEW LIFE

- the tree of life; white garments; glory (“morning star”)

### 3.2. THE NEW IDENTITY

- personal relationship (new name “The threefold occurrence of onoma ("name") is impressive and amounts to a threefold assurance of his identity with God. To have "the name of My God" was equivalent to belonging to God, being endowed with divine power” (Moffatt));
- pillar in the temple of God [permanent]

### 3.3. THE NEW TASK

- rule the nations

## 4. TO REMEMBER

- Jesus knows you personally and he cares.
- Jesus gives you the best support there is – his personal power and holiness.
- Jesus motivates you directing your attention toward the future.

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<sup>2</sup> the right of citizenship in the new Jerusalem