

Series: REVELATION: The Last Word on Everything
Message: Love Letters to His Bride, Part 1
Heritage Church – Van Buren, AR
January 22, 2023
Text: Revelation 2:1-29

The Bride Jesus Wants: See Ephesians 5:23-27, 32

1. EPHESUS: Is MADLY in LOVE with Jesus! Rev. 2: 1-7

A. Affirmation from Jesus vs. 1-3, 6

1) You WORK hard to maintain doctrinal PURITY.
Jude 3

2) You are PERSEVERING through suffering.

B. Admonition, vs. 4 You Have Left Your First LOVE

C. Application: Decide to DO the DEEDS of love! Vs. 5
Your Personal Application:

D. Motivation: vs.7 Overcomers eat from TREE of LIFE.

2. SMYRNA: Is FAITHFUL in the Time of TESTING,
Rev. 2:8-11

A. Affirmation: You are spiritually RICH in spite of
economic, physical, and verbal persecution. vs. 8-9

B. Admonition: None

C. Application: Don't FEAR suffering. Be faithful unto
DEATH. vs. 10a

D. Motivation: vs. 10-11. The crown of ETERNAL Life.
Romans 8:18

3. PERGAMUM: Holds to the TRUTH of God's Word,
Rev. 2:12-17

A. Affirmation: You have been a courageous WITNESS
in persecution. vs. 12-13

B. Admonition: You TOLERATE teaching that permits
idolatry and sexual immorality – assimilation with an
ungodly culture. vs. 14-15

C. Application: Stop COMPROMISING or face judgment.
vs. 16

D. Motivation: STRENGTH and Ticket to VICTOR'S
banquet. vs. 17

4. THYATIRA: Exercises Church DISCIPLINE, Rev. 2:18-29

A. Affirmation: For growing & developing
DISCIPLESHIP -- Greater Later Works. vs. 18-19

B. Admonition: Stop Tolerating literal and spiritual
FORNICATION -- Idolatry and Immorality. vs. 20-23

C. Application: Persevere by holding on to the CENTRAL
truths and practices of the Gospel. vs. 24-25

D. Motivation: RULE in the Coming Kingdom and the
GLORY of His Eternal Presence. vs. 26-29

NEXT STEP: Let God EXAMINE and TRANSFORM You.
Get in LINE. Zechariah 4:10, Psalm 139:23-24, Amos 7:7-8