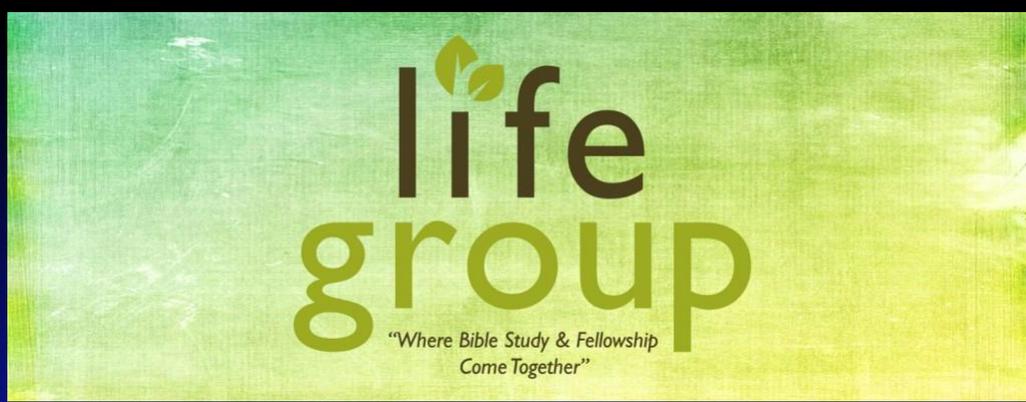


Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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LIFE Group ...

**6:30 pm at the PEED's home this Wed. evening
Bring your Bibles, your Notebooks, an
Expectant heart and a Prayerful-Thankful Attitude
to Experience the Presence, the Power and the
Purpose of Jesus Christ, together**



Jesus Christ Evaluates His Churches – prt 10



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Revelation 1:1-6

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants - things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. ³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keeps those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

⁴ John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: (Asia Minor → Western Turkey, today) Grace to you and peace from Him WHO IS and WHO WAS and WHO IS TO COME, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the FAITHFUL WITNESS, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who LOVED us and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD,⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be GLORY AND DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER. Amen.

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LAODICEA → IMPLICATIONS

the first Archaeological Item they found in 2011 was
the Door Frame of the church

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What are the IMPLICATIONS of the Seven Churches?

1. The Entire Book (or scroll) of Revelation is Prophetic. All 22 chapters. Therefore, so are chapters 1 thru 3.

We explored the Prophetic Implications:

Each of the 7 Churches RELATE to a certain “Majority” Type or Model of a Church Movement during a certain Time Period within Church History.

Ephesus represents the period of time for Acts 2 (33 A.D. or so) until 70 A.D
'lost her first love' – needed to Repent (and they did, BTW)

Smyrna represents the period of time from around 70 A.D. until around 312 A.D. or so → Commended, Applauded, Encouraged – suffered 10 waves of persecution

Pergamos represents the period of time from around 313 A.D. until around 529 A.D. or so → Called to Repentance because of Babylonian “Balaam” teachings (idolatry & paganism) and because they embraced the Nicolaitan model of “religious” leadership (clergy in POWER over the Laity ... Nico-Laitan)

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Thyatira represents the period of time from around 530 A.D. until the late 1200's A.D. or so → Called to Repentance because of JEZEBEL's Babylonian teachings (idolatry & paganism)

Sardis represents the period of time from around 1300 A.D. and continues on today in Rome → Called to Repentance because of PRIDE (Name for herself) – Babel's Pride (ref: Tower)

Philadelphia represents the period of time from late 1300's A.D. until the Rapture (Protestants) → Commended, Encouraged – Open Door for the Gospel – warned not to lose her crown. All they had was Jesus Christ, His Word (the Bible) and each other. That is enough.

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Laodicea represents the period of time from late 1800's A.D. and continues today (Lukewarm, Compromising, Worldly church)

→ Called to Repentance because of being Lukewarm Compromised with the World. Jesus is on the outside, knocking on the door (closed door) trying to come back in. Laodicea is composed of some of the "spiritual descendants" of Philadelphia who lost their crowns. She is the LAST Church Movement to Rise before the Great Tribulation starts.

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2. Christ has the Right to Evaluate every “church” on the planet, that claims to be of Him. If it says it is a “Christian church” and says that they follow the Bible, then He will evaluate that church.
3. **REPENTANCE** is needed when churches Drift away (Babylonian Drift) ...
Repentance leads us back to Intimacy with Christ, Obedience to Christ, according to His Word. 5 Churches were called unto Repentance by Christ – what were their failings? What were their Rewards for obeying Him unto Repentance?
4. Christ Encouraged and Commended (without any call to Repentance) only 2 of the 7 Churches: Smyrna & Philadelphia – WHY?
→ All they had was The Bible (God’s Holy Word), Personal Intimacy with Christ, and **CLOSE FELLOWSHIP** with each other. They were Bold in Proclaiming God’s Word to the Lost (i.e.: they were **NOT** ashamed of Christ). They were not **SHY** in their Public Relationship with Christ.

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The IMPACT of those 7 Churches:

Each “church” is still leaving its mark on Church History and on us today

Ephesus → Encourages us to must make sure we are **deeply intimate with Christ, personally** → **Bananas for Jesus** → **Jesus Freaks ... !!!**

Smyrna → we must be **BOLD** with the Gospel, no matter the consequences - **eternity in focus**

Pergamos / Thyatira / Sardis → (i.e. *The Roman Catholic church*)

WARNING – if we compromise with **Government Dependency, Paganism/Idolatry, and Worldly Power** (gaining a **Worldly Powerful Name** for ourselves) we will end up as a **DEAD** church.

The Roman Catholic church’s impact is still being felt, world-wide, today. **(they are preaching “another ‘gospel’” → Galatians 1:6-9)**

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The IMPACT of those 7 Churches:

Philadelphia → If all we have is **Jesus Christ, The Bible, and Each Other** – God will bless us with **Open Doors for the Gospel**

→ The Protestant Reformation. She is **Rapture Bound**

LAODICEA → If we care more about “**Getting Along**” with the world around us, if we care more about “**not rocking the boat**” or “**offending anyone**” we will end up being **LUKEWARM** and **Vomited** out of Christ’s Mouth. If we care **more about (fill in the blank) than pleasing and obeying Jesus Christ** according to His Word (the Bible) – we will end up being **REJECTED** by Christ and **Called to REPENTANCE**. The Consequences are being **left behind** in the Great Tribulation → **missing the Rapture**

(e.g.: “**rejecting sound doctrine**” & “**itching ears**” – 2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:4).

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The LASTING IMPACT ...:

What IMPACT is your LIFE having on the folks around you? Is it what Christ wants? Is it For the Gospel's Sake or for just getting along?

What IMPACT is New LIFE Fellowship having on the folks around us? Is it the IMPACT of the Gospel of Christ, according to the Bible?

Because of Us - do folks around us know MORE about Jesus Christ and His Salvation accurately?

Are we SHY or are we BOLD for Him? → Implications & IMPACT

What kinds of churches does Jesus LOVE out of those 7 Churches?

Which ones did He hold up HIGH as EXAMPLES of what He LOVES as being a church?

Are we becoming that kind of church?

See y'all Next Time we Gather...

@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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