

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE—PART 5
“JESUS’ FACEBOOK MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH!”
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Revelation 1:11 (NLT)—“... ‘Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.’”

Matthew 16:18—“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Jesus’ Message About...

1) Love—to the church in Ephesus

Revelation 2:2-4 (NLT)—“I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!”

2) Faithfulness—to the church in Smyrna

Revelation 2:9-10 (NLT)—“I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you...Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer...But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.”

3) Compromise—to the church in Pergamum

Revelation 2:13-16 (NLT)—“I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me...But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam...He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. Repent of your sin...”

4) Holiness—to the church at Thyatira

Revelation 2:19-21 (NLT)—“I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray...I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality.”

5) Progress—to the church at Sardis

Revelation 3:1-3 (NLT)—“...‘I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead...Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again...’”

6) Obedience—to the church at Philadelphia

Revelation 3:8-10 (NLT)—“I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me...Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world.”

7) Commitment—to the church at Laodicea

Revelation 3:15-19 (NLT)—“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked...be diligent and turn from your indifference.”

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)--”Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”