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The Church of Philadelphia

An evaluation lens for eternal inheritance

Revelation 3:7-13

Human consists: consciousness **the fruit of the Spirit**: love, joy, peace, long-suffering.....

The fruit of the Spirit, which is the production of life, we are to be blessed

1. **Love** as a relational **effecting** we endeavor to **be** the divine formula
2. **Let** the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and
3. **walk** by means of the Holy Spirit

1. Revelation 2 & 3, why does the Lord Jesus Christ single out the seven churches of the close?

Seven churches in Asia Minor

In **Asia Minor** there were somewhere between 300 Jewish synagogues and 300 Christian churches in Asia Minor. Some of them were very high, others were small.

Ephesus, for example, had a population at this time of almost 250,000. Smyrna was a very wealthy and beautiful city. Pergamum, Philadelphia and Laodicea were smaller.

There were numerous churches in this area:

Acts 19:1, 10, 18-21
Paul, having passed through the upper parts, came to Ephesus; and finding some disciples, he said to them, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? And they said to him, We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit. ... This continued for two years, so that all those who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. ... So departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. ... Paul, having passed through the upper parts, came to Ephesus; and finding some disciples, he said to them, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? ... Paul said, Indeed John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on the one who was to come after him, that is, on Jesus the Christ. ... Paul, having passed through the upper parts, came to Ephesus; and finding some disciples, he said to them, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? ... Paul said, Indeed John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on the one who was to come after him, that is, on Jesus the Christ. ... **all who dwell in Asia** heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 20:17, 31
And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church. ... Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease night and day to admonish each one with tears.

Revelation 1:11
Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last: and what you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamum, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

1st Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are strangers throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18
To the angel of the church in Ephesus write; These things says he who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: ... And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things says the first and the last, who was dead, and came to life: ... And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write; These things says he who has the sharp sword with two edges: ... And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things says the Son of God, who has his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass: ...

Revelation 3:1, 7, 14
And to the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things says he who has the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know your works, that you have a name that you live, and are dead. ... And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things says the holy one, the true one, he who has the key of David, he who opens and no one shall close; and who closes and no one shall open: ... And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write; These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: ...

Revelation 1:4, 20
John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be to you, and peace, from him who is, and who was, and who is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before his throne; ... The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

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There is a connection exists to the number **seven** which is **spiritual** and **perfect**. Revelation is a book of symbolism and challenge to convey the spiritual truths in these three parts.

Many varying commentaries, and opinions have been made concerning the order of the churches.

These expressions of opinion are based on the differences in geography, distance, shapes, and may make a difference in the order of the churches.

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The **Philadelphia** Church, Revelation 3:

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And to the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write; These things says he who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David, he who opens and no one shall close; and who closes and no one shall open: ... I know your works: behold, I have set before you a door opened, and no one can shut it: for you have a little power, and have kept my word, and have not denied my name. ... Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. ... Behold, I come quickly: hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. ... Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. ... He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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Exactly proper to God says that he cannot enter into keep you out of trouble, but keep you from the trouble

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