

A Summary of Revelation 2-3 – “When Jesus Talks, The Church Better Listen”

- I. **7 letters** – 7 down, review to go... Why?
- Jesus has spoken to the 7 churches in _____
 - Lesser – we are about to take a hiatus from Revelation until after New Years
 - Greater – this series has been eye-opening; a great challenge & great reminder to us today...
 - Things that Jesus approves, condemns; the advice He gives; the promises He has for His church.
- II. **Revelation 2-3** – *Description of the Speaker: Jesus Christ*
- He is the One who has sovereign authority; _____ over them as He walks among them...
 - The Church belongs to Him – He keeps watch over them & He patrols them...
 - He is the _____ One (full & perfect knowledge); He is the Eternal One
 - He is the source of all things; the uncreated Creator of all things; all of history moving to Him...
 - He is the Lord of history; _____ could not hold Him; He is holy & true.
 - He refines & purifies; He is Truth personified; God's promises come to pass because of Him...
 - He is faithful & true; He is God; He is the true _____ of Israel...
 - He determines who enters into the Messianic Kingdom & who does not...
- Jesus knows everything about His Church – He knows everything about Calvary EFC...*
- III. **Revelation 2-3** – *The Things Jesus Commends...*
- Our labor for the Kingdom of God; when we are _____ sound
 - When we do not tolerate _____ men in our midst; when we have discernment; when we are Bereans
 - When we do not _____; when we care for the purity of the gospel...
 - When we are zealous for His Name; when we desire holiness & to experience God's grace...
 - When we cling to Jesus; when our outward acts are matched by inner _____ transformation...
 - When the reputation that matters is God's view of us; our desire to keep His Word; to live for Him.
- IV. **Revelation 2-3: The Things Jesus Condemns...**
- Our love for _____ is decreasing, which in turn leads to love of others decreasing...
 - When we elevate love above truth or truth above love – keep these in balance...
 - When we allow false teachers in our midst &/or licentious living in our midst...
 - When we become a church of 21st century tolerance – _____ the Word of God...
 - When we are _____; when we are not careful about who teaches in our churches...
 - When do things halfway; we do good works in such a way that brings praise to men (itself)...
- V. **Revelation 2-3: Jesus Advises...**
- Repent! (See Revelation 2:5; 2:16; 2:22; 3:3; 3:19)
 - Saved or unsaved – Repent!
 - Repentance – heartfelt sorrow for _____; renounce it; sincere commitment to forsake it...& to walk...
- VI. **Revelation 2-3: To He Who Has An Ear...**
- Who has an ear? Parable of Soils/Sower – Jesus closes with, “He who has ears, let him hear.”
 - Hearing only happens to those to whom it has been granted by _____
- VII. **Revelation 2-3: To The Overcomers...**
- Eat from the tree of life in the Paradise of God; will not be hurt by the _____ death...
 - Welcomed at the wedding feast of the marriage between the Lamb & His Bride, the Church.
 - Will reign with Christ in His coming kingdom; will one day be _____ Jesus...
 - Will be forever His; will be part of the wonderful consummation (See Rev. 21:1-6; 22:1-5)
- VIII. **Heed These Things: Gauging Your Response...**
- Are you longing for that day; desiring to passionately pursue Jesus; viewing Lord's Supper anew?
 - If not, then let us start at the beginning – who God is, who you are, God's provision, your response
 - Today we heard who the _____ Lord Jesus Christ is right now...
 - Today we heard who He desires us to be right now as His body at Calvary EFC...
 - Today we heard His _____ for all those who are His...
 - Let us love Him, be used by Him; let us be a people of His Word, loving & reaching; glorifying Him!