

Revelation Series

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Revelation 2–3



1. ***Commission: an address opens each letter***
2. ***Character: a citation of specific attributes of Christ***
3. ***Commendation: a praise for spiritual advance***
4. ***Condemnation: a warning about a spiritual flaw in the congregation***
5. ***Correction: a prescription to recovery***
6. ***Call: a command to listen and apply***
7. ***Challenge: a personal promise of reward***



Black Sea

Ister River

IOESIA

THRACIA

EDONIA

BITHYNIA & PONTUS

ASIA

Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Smyrna
Ephesus
Laodicea

GALATIA
CAPPADOCIA

LYCIA
CILICIA

AMPHIBIA

Aegean Sea

CHIA

Rhodes

RHODES

CYPRUS



Revelation
2:12, “And to
the angel of the
church in
Pergamos
write, ‘These
things says He
who has the
sharp two-
edged sword:’ ”

Revelation 2:13, “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”

Revelation 2:14, “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.”

John 17:11, “We are *in* the world,”
(*kosmos*)

John 17:13, “We are not *of* the
world” (*kosmos*)


Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to the thinking of this age (*αἰών aiōn*), BUT be transformed by the renovation of your thinking that you may demonstrate the will of God, what is good, acceptable and perfect.”

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Revelation 2:15, “Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”

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οὖν *oun*, therefore, draws a
conclusion or inference from the
above statement.

Revelation 2:16, “Therefore, **repent**, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.”

μετανοέω *metanoéō*; Aor act imp 2s; “to change one’s thinking,” the aorist imperative emphasizes immediate action. This is a mandate of high priority.

Rom. 12:2, “do not be conformed to the thinking of this age, but be transformed by the renovation of your thinking.”

Repent means to change your thinking.

- 1. This change is from human viewpoint or sin to divine viewpoint.**
- 2. Repentance is not remorse or sorrow.**
- 3. This change begins with confession, 1 John 1:9.**
- 4. Repentance though is more than confession.**
- 5. Repentance involves that change of pagan, human viewpoint worldliness in our soul for divine viewpoint of Bible doctrine.**
- 6. Repentance of some thought can be a lifetime process.**

2 Timothy 3:16, “All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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μετανοέω *metanoéō*; Aor act imp 2s; “to

ταχύ *tachú*; indicates not coming soon in time, but the manner of the coming, which is quickly, suddenly, in rapid fashion.

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νικάω *nikáō*; pres act participle with the article. To the overcomer, the victor, the successful believer.

**1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God
overcomes the world; and this is the
victory that has overcome the world—our
faith.”**

1 John 2:29, “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

1 John 3:9, “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.”

1 John 4:7, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

a. genuine born-again believers practice righteousness and do not sin,

or

b. only the born again can practice righteousness, not sin, and love their brothers. But not all who are born again practice righteousness, avoid sin, and love their brothers.

1 John 2:15, “Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”

1 John 2:3, “By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.


1 John 2:4, “The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1 John 2:5, “but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:”

1 John 5:4, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

**1 John 5:5, “And who is the one who
overcomes the world, but he who
believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”**


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μάννα, *manna*

from the Hebrew term מַן הוּא *mān hû*, “what is it?” in Exod. 16:15

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κρύπτω *krúptō*; The adjective, “hidden” *krupto*, the perf pass ptcp used adjectivally, means something secret, hidden, used as a metaphor for something restricted and for something protected.

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ψῆφος *pséphos*; a small rock

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καινός *kainós*; Not new in time, but a newness of quality.