

A SERVICE OF CLEANSING FOR A CHURCH
Revelation 2-3

As we look at the 7 Churches of Asia Minor, Jesus had a message for each of them which forms a message to the Body of Christ. Consider some facts about Jesus and His Church:

- 1. Jesus _____ The Church**
- 2. Jesus is _____ Among the Church**
- 3. Jesus is _____ the Church**
- 4. Jesus is _____ to the Church**
- 5. Jesus _____ the Church**
- 6. Jesus Wants the Church to _____**
- 7. Jesus Knows What To Do to Bring _____**

I The Church at Ephesus—They were busy with religious _____, but they had lost their Passionate _____ for Jesus Christ (Revelation 2:4)

II The Church at Smyrna—They were suffering for their faith. Are we willing to _____ for ours? (Revelation 2:8-11)

II The Church at Pergamos—This church was permitting false _____ in their fellowship (Revelation 2:14)

III The Church at Thyatira—The church _____ with the world. (Revelation 2:20)

IV The Church at Sardis—This church was living on _____ glories, _____ victories, but their enthusiasm was waning. (Revelation 3:2)

**VI The Church at Philadelphia—Failing to seize the doors of
_____ God has opened (Revelation 3:7)**

**VII The Church at Laodicea. They were _____ spiritually,
_____, which made the Lord righteously indignant.
(Revelation 3:15-16)**

Revelation 3:20

**Jesus is on the _____ of His church, knocking, desiring to
get in.**

Praying Through The Questions

- 1. Is there any form of disunity within the church? Am I part of what is creating the disunity? Have I demanded my preferences rather than doing what is best for the church?**
- 2. Is there anyone in the church you have not forgiven? Is there anyone in the church you are holding a grudge against?**
- 3. Is there a past church leader you have not forgiven for something he did or did not do?**
- 4. Has the church failed to be a soul winning church? Have we failed to reach out to our community with the gospel the way Jesus intended?**
- 5. Is there past issues in the church that have not been resolved?**
- 6. Has our church done anything in the past for which we should repent, that which hurt the reputation of Christ and our witness in the community?**
- 7. Have I been critical of the church without offering God-centered solutions?**
- 8. Does our church passionately love Jesus?**

9. ***Has our church operated more on what “We” can do rather than on what “God” can do?***
10. ***Have I felt led to volunteer in some area of ministry within the church and have not followed through?***
11. ***Is our church living on past victories instead of present revival?***
12. ***Have I allowed a wrong attitude to be brought into the church through gossip, negative talk, rumors, innuendo’s, or unjust criticism?***
13. ***Has there been any problem in the past (in the church) that we have been unwilling to address because we were afraid it would be uncomfortable and hurt some people’s feelings?***
14. ***Have we failed to do everything possible to strengthen the families, marriages and single adults in our church?***
15. ***Are there any financial issues that have not been handled in a godly way?***
16. ***Are there opportunities God has presented the church that we have failed to act on because of fear or worry?***
17. ***Do people experience a sense of the presence of God each time we gather on Sunday morning?***
18. ***Does our church spend enough time in corporate prayer?***
19. ***Has our church failed to take strong moral stands on biblical issues?***
20. ***Am I giving at least a tithe of my income to the church?***
21. ***Are we more concerned with pleasing people than in pleasing God?***
22. ***As a church are, we willing to follow the leadership and vision of our new pastor?***

23. *Is our church earnestly, consistently seeking God for revival?*
24. *Can God trust our church to do whatever He asks?*
25. *Are we as a church praying for God-sized opportunities or are we playing it safe?*
26. *Are we as a church taking seriously reaching and discipling men and helping them be the spiritual leaders of their homes?*
27. *Are we praying for people to be called to full-time ministry and missions from our church?*
28. *As a church are, we grateful for what God has done and is doing or are we complaining about what's wrong?*
29. *Are we taking seriously teaching a biblical worldview in our ministries and groups?*
30. *Am I consistently praying for our lead pastor, worship/discipleship pastor, youth leaders, children and preschool leaders, deacons and committees?*
31. *As a church are, we consistently praying for our president and decision makers?*
32. *As a church are, we willing to do anything God tells us to do even if it means discomfort and inconvenience?*
33. *Is there any sexual sin in the past that has not been confessed and repented of?*
34. *Have I been guilty of making comments that were unkind, rude, unthoughtful, or critical to church leaders?*
35. *Is our church friendly enough to people who are visiting or new to the church?*

Author Jack Taylor says we should remember three things:

- 1. If the sin is against _____, confess it to God and make things right with God***
- 2. If the sin is against another _____, confess it to God and make things right with the person***
- 3. If the sin is against a _____, confess it to god and make it right with the group.***

I John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”