

# The Apostate Church

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Revelation 3:14-22

# The Churches

- *Ephesus – “Loveless Church”*  
Doing all the right things, but they fell out of love with Jesus.
- *Smyrna – “Persecuted Church”*  
I know it’s hard, but just keep going!
- *Pergamos – “Compromising Church”*  
Persevered, loyal, faithful, to the message, but they compromised by allowing the world to creep into the church.

# The Churches

- *Thyatira* – “*Jezebel/Corrupt Church*”  
No spiritual progress and allowed the enemy, “Jezebel” to take up residence.
- *Sardis* – “*Dead Church*”  
Sin crept in and didn’t recognize their own spiritual condition.
- *Philadelphia* – “*Faithful Church*”  
They relied on God’s faithfulness and His promises.

# Description of the Apostate Church

- “Neither cold nor hot” v.15
- Makes God sick v.16
- Oblivious to their spiritual condition

v.17

*wretched* – sinful to death

*miserable* - false sense of security

*poor* - spiritually bankrupt

*blind* – to their lostness

*naked* – not covered in Christ’s righteousness

# Direction to the Apostate Church

- Purchase that which symbolizes true redemption v.18

*Gold* – free of impurities; priceless

*White garments* – righteousness of Christ

*Eye salve* – blind eyes opened

- Recognize what I've done/I'm doing v.19
- Repent of your sin and turn to the Savior
- Receive the invitation to fellowship v.20