

Sermon Notes for February 24, 2019
Revelation 2:1-11: Hear and Respond
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Jesus commends the churches for:

- Faithful _____ to the truth in the midst of opposition.
- Faithful proclamation of the truth even when it's not _____.
- Trusting and loving God through hard _____/sufferings.

Jesus rebukes the churches for:

- _____ (tolerating false teaching, sexual immorality, and idolatry)
- _____ (among those who think they are rich/alive, but are poor/dead)

We should be asking as we study Revelation 2-3:

- Am I faithfully proclaiming and remaining true to the Gospel?
- Am I trusting God through the difficult testing of my faith?
- Am I loving God and others amidst a culture that does not love God?
- Have I compromised any of the truths of Scripture? (in the area of sexual immorality, idolatry, tolerating false teaching)
- Am I complacent – not serving the Lord, not loving my brothers/sisters, not witnessing?

The Church in Ephesus: Revelation 2:1-7

Notes:

“Some of you stand convicted even here; you have not that burning love, that ridiculous love as the world would call it, which is, after all, the love to be most desired. No, you have lost your first love in that respect.”
(Charles Spurgeon)

The Church in Smyrna: Revelation 2:8-11

Notes:

“Do not presume on your relationship to Christ. You are not His unless you hear His voice and follow Him.” (James Montgomery Boice)