Ephesus: The Faithful Loveless Church

Revelation 2:1-7

Chiasm of the Seven Letters

Ephesus - loveless

Smyrna - faithful

Pergamum - holding to false teaching

Thyatira - holding to false teaching and in sin

Sardis - considered dead

Philadelphia - faithful

Laodicea - lukewarm

Structure of Each of the Seven Letters

1. A call to write to write to a specific church: “to the angel of the church…write”
2. Description of Christ taken from chapter 1: “the words of him…”
3. Jesus’ evaluation: “I know…”
4. Jesus’ call to respond: repentance/encouragement
5. An admonition for all to hear: “he who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”
6. A promise to those who conquer with imagery that is repeated in chapters 20-22: “to the one who conquers…”

1. Portrait of Jesus
2. Evaluation of Jesus
3. Call of Jesus
4. Promise of Jesus