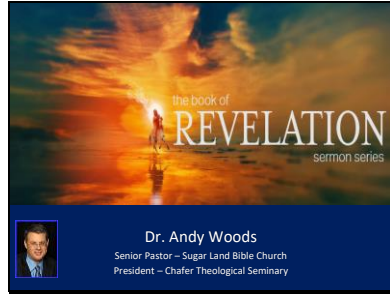


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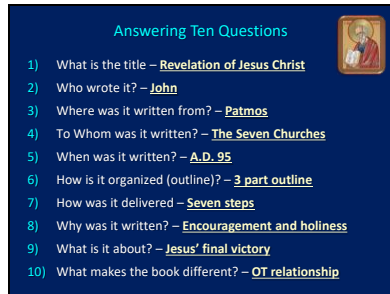
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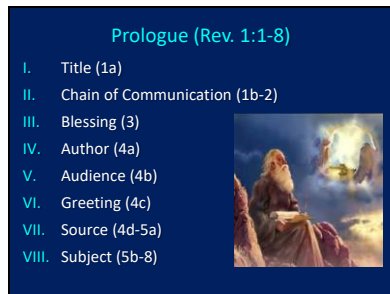
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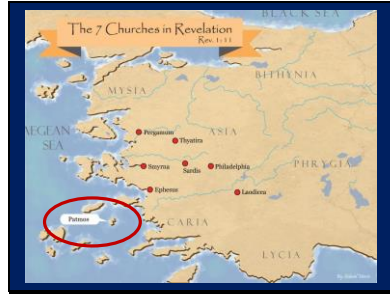
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DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES Revelation 2-3		
CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised I
Thyatira	2:18-29	Compromised II
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

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Pattern of the Letters in Revelation 2-3

1. Destination
2. Description of Christ (Rev. 1)
3. Commendation
4. Rebuke
5. Exhortation to change
6. Consequence
7. Exhortation to listen
8. Promise to overcomers (Rev. 21-22)



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So What? - Points of Application!

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Lewis Sperry Chafer  
vol. 7, Systematic Theology (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

[A] serious Arminian error respecting this doctrine occurs when **repentance** is added to faith or believing as a condition of salvation. It is true that repentance can very well be required as a condition of salvation, but then only because the change of mind which...has been involved when turning from every other confidence to the **one needful trust** in Christ. Such turning about, of course, cannot be achieved without a change of mind.

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Revelation 21:4

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Conclusion

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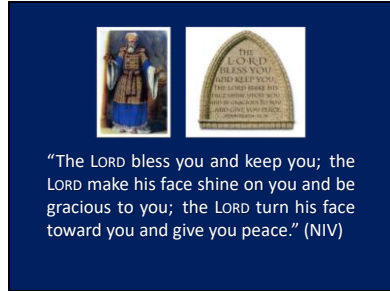
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## Intro

1 John 4:1- Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

## 6

Acts 6:5- The statement found approval with the whole <sup>[e]</sup>congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and <sup>[f]</sup>Nicolas, a <sup>[g]</sup>proselyte from Antioch.

Rev. 1:6- and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to <sup>[e]</sup>His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 John 2:27- As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, <sup>[i]</sup>you abide in Him.



John 3:16-“For God so loved the world, that He gave His <sup>[e]</sup>only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 2:13-22- <sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated *at their tables*. <sup>15</sup>And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; <sup>16</sup>and to those who were selling the doves He said, “Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a <sup>[f]</sup>place of business.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to Him, “What sign do You show us <sup>[g]</sup>as your authority for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this <sup>[h]</sup>temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this <sup>[i]</sup>temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But He was speaking of the <sup>[i]</sup>temple of His body. <sup>22</sup>So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Acts 17:16- Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols.

1 Sam. 17:26-Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? **For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?**”

Ps. 119:104-From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore **I hate** every false way.

Eph. 4:26- **BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN**; do not let the sun go down on your anger.

#### **4**

Eph. 1:15- For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and <sup>[u]</sup>your love for all the <sup>[v]</sup>saints.

Matt. 7:21-23- <sup>1</sup>“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many <sup>[u]</sup>miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you**; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

Eph. 5:22-33- <sup>22</sup> Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church <sup>[q]</sup>in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but

nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,<sup>30</sup> because we are members of His body. <sup>31</sup> FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. <sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she <sup>[r]</sup>respects her husband.

John 15:1-8- “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He <sup>[a]</sup>prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already <sup>[b]</sup>clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit <sup>[c]</sup>of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so <sup>[d]</sup>prove to be My disciples.

### 5a

Matt. 27:3-Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he **felt remorse** and returned the thirty <sup>[a]</sup>pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders

1 Cor. 11:23-26--<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

### 5b

John 10:27-29- <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> [d] My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.

Matt. 5:14-16- <sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a [f] hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup> nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a [g] basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Rev. 1:20- As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

### 7a

Deut. 6:4- “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Jas. 1:19-<sup>19</sup> <sup>[u]</sup>*This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger.

Luke 10:38-42-<sup>38</sup> Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.<sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word.<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with <sup>[q]</sup>all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."<sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;<sup>42</sup> but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has **chosen** the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

## **7b**

1 John 5:4-5-<sup>4</sup> For whatever is <sup>[f]</sup>born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.<sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Rev. 22:2-in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the **tree of life**, bearing twelve <sup>[c]</sup>*kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev. 22:14-Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the **tree of life**, and may enter by the gates into the city.

Gen. 3:22-24-<sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the **tree of life**,

and eat, and live forever”—<sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.<sup>24</sup> So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the **tree of life**.

Rev. 21:4-<sup>4</sup> and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

2 Pet. 3:11- Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.

Titus 2:13- looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of <sup>[h]</sup>our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

### **Conclusion**

Num. 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.