

Self Examination and Repentance

Seven Churches Revelation chapters 2 and 3

*Having seen that our God is loving, wise and compassionate, we can now be shown the true nature of our inner character. The apostle John is told to write down what he sees and send it to the seven churches. These show a range of good and bad ways in which different people interpret and live out their Christian beliefs. All but Philadelphia and Laodicea describe a mixture of both admirable and self-centred behaviour. We are commended where there is faithfulness and steadfastness, admonished where we fall short. We are strongly advised to **examine ourselves and change our ways.***

The Lord's purpose in leading us this way is so that the tension caused by conflict between good and evil within us can be resolved by the removal of evil. This leaves us in a state of peace and joy. <http://www.apocalypse-of-john.org.uk/seven-churches.htm>

"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good." (Isaiah 1:16-17)

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

"The people who explore themselves that they may do the work of repentance, must explore their thoughts and the intentions of their will, and must there explore what they would do if it were permitted them, that is, if they were not afraid of the laws, and of the loss of reputation, honor, and gain. There the evils of people reside, and the evils which they do in the body are all from thence. They who do not explore the evils of their thought and will, cannot do the work of repentance, for they think and will afterwards as they did before, and yet to will evils is to do them. This is to explore one's self." (The New Jerusalem 164)

"It is believed that sins are washed away, or are washed off, as filth is by water, when they are remitted; but sins are not washed away, but they are removed; that is, a person is withheld from them when the person is kept in good by the Lord; and when the person is kept in good, it appears as if the person were without them, thus as if they were washed away; and so far as a person is reformed, so far a person is capable of being kept in good." (The New Jerusalem 166)

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	<i>Worship 10.30am Followed by a shared meal</i>		<i>10 Broome St</i>
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which is a kingdom of communities***

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