

## “Repentance – A Message to the Church”

Repentance RPNT - 04

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- Revelation 2-3 letters to churches and calls to repentance – see chart
- Listen and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches
- Ephesus
  - Hard work and patient endurance
  - Don’t tolerate evil people
  - Examine the claims of false apostles – liars
  - Patiently suffered for me without quitting
  - You don’t love me or each other as you did at first
  - Look how far you have fallen
  - Turn back to me
  - Do the works you did at first
  - If you don’t repent – remove your lampstand
  - You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans
    - Revelation 2:14-15 Pergamum
  - Everyone who is victorious – fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God
- Works without love – 1 Corinthians 13
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- The works you did at first – works that stir love
  - **Time in God’s presence** - Psalm 27:8
  - **Seeking God’s will in everything** - Colossians 1:9-10
  - **Love the Word** - Romans 12:2
  - **Fellowship with others that love God** - Hebrews 10:24-25
  - **Filled with the Holy Spirit** - Acts 1:8
- Lampstand removed - Matthew 5:14-16
- Fruit of Repentance - Matthew 3:8 (NLT2) Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

<i>Church/Reference</i>	<i>Commendation</i>	<i>Rebuke</i>	<i>Action (quoted from NLT)</i>
Ephesus ( <a href="#">2:1-7</a> )	Worked hard, persevered, did not tolerate evil	Had forsaken first love	"Turn back to me again"
Smyrna ( <a href="#">2:8-11</a> )	Suffered persecution and poverty	None	"Don't be afraid"
Pergamum ( <a href="#">2:12-17</a> )	Remained true to the faith	Had compromised with unbelievers and false teachers	"Repent"
Thyatira ( <a href="#">2:18-29</a> )	Acted in love, faith, service	Had allowed immorality and false teaching	"Hold tightly to what you have"
Sardis ( <a href="#">3:1-6</a> )	None	Were superficial	"Go back to what you heard and believed at first"
Philadelphia ( <a href="#">3:7-13</a> )	Remained faithful	None	"Hold on to what you have"
Laodicea ( <a href="#">3:14-22</a> )	None	Were lukewarm	"Turn from your indifference"