

The Book of Revelation
State of the Church
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FIVE TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS AND THE CHURCH

- #1 Jesus loves the Church.
- #2 Jesus died for the Church.
- #3 Jesus is the Head of the Church.
- #4 Jesus is the Bridegroom of the Church.
- #5 Jesus deeply cares about the “state of the church”, because it is HIS church.

As born-again believers who belong to Christ’s church, we should be in a continual process of growing in our faith.

- *What is the state of my faith?*
 - *What area(s) of my faith have grown and bear fruit?*
 - *What area(s) are weak and need improvement?*

The State of the Churches of The Book of Revelation

The Church of Ephesus

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

Jesus commends:

- hard work
- patient endurance
- intolerance of evil people
- intolerance of imposters
- suffering patiently

Jesus corrects

- You don’t love me or each other like you did at first.

Jesus warns of the consequences

- You’ll cease to be who I’ve called you to be.

Jesus tells of the crown

- Fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Personal closing questions...

Do I love Jesus Christ like I once did?
Do I love others like Jesus Christ commands?
How am I dealing with the trials and difficulties of life?