

**The Last Four Of
Revelation's Seven Churches
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I. The Churches Of Revelation

A. Five out of seven needed to repent

The two that did not:

1. Smyrna = Martyr
2. Philadelphia = Brotherly love

B. Four will remain until Christ's return: Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea

1. Thyatira
 - a. Historical church from the time of Constantine
 - b. Primarily Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox
 - c. "Jezebel" = Mariolatry
2. Sardis = Reformation churches
3. Philadelphia = Holiness, et al
4. Laodicea = End-time church

C. Marks of Philadelphia:

1. Brotherly love
2. Have a little strength, have kept His word, have not denied the name of Jesus
3. Rewards:
 - a. An open door
 - b. Kept from the hour of trial = Great Tribulation (?)

D. Marks of Laodicea

1. "People's right"—claimers
2. Considered themselves rich, wealthy, in need of nothing
3. Actually wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked
4. Exhorted to repent
5. Mercy offered to *any individual* who responds

E. How is it possible to be wretched, etc. and not know it?

1. Wrong relationships—he who hates his brother in darkness, etc. (1 John 2:9–11)
2. No vision of eternity—without eternal perspective most miserable of all men
3. What is *your* attitude to death?

II. Application

A. God's standard must also be ours (Luke 16:15)

B. Separated from this world by the cross (Galatians 6:14)