

December 27 Questions

- 1) Jesus appeared to John and gave him the _____ (*apokalypsis*) which the Father had given Him. John wrote what he saw and sent it to the _____ churches in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey). Jesus' choice of these congregations was no accident. There were other churches, such as Corinth, Philippi and Berea, but Jesus chose these because what He said to them needed to be heard by _____. The message to **Ephesus** teaches us that it's possible to _____ the love we had when we first believed (Rev 2:4). When Jesus said, "Repent, and do the _____ you did at first" (Rev 2:5), He showed us that _____ is the heart and soul of love. The message to **Smyrna** teaches us that the believer who is poor in this world's wealth is _____ in the glorious treasures of the next. There is a crown of life waiting for the one who will trust Jesus and be _____ unto death. The message to **Pergamum** teaches us that each church will be held responsible for allowing false _____ in their midst. Believers have a duty to call false teachers to repentance, and if they refuse, to _____ them from the congregation. The message to **Thyatira** teaches us that each church will be held responsible for tolerating moral _____. Those who promote immorality and sexual indulgence must be _____, and if they will not repent, they must be _____ off from the church. The message to **Sardis** teaches us that it's possible to have a godly reputation and yet be spiritually _____ (Rev 3:1). The Spirit said, "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jam 2:17), and Jesus commands us to show our faith by our _____. The message to **Philadelphia** teaches us that it's possible to live in such a way that Jesus has _____ against us. Our responsibility is to believe God's Word and patiently _____ the persecution of the world. If we do, Jesus will _____ us from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole earth (Rev 3:10). The message to **Laodicea** teaches us about the self-deception of "_____ " works (Rev 3:15–18). Such works have the appearance of faith but lack the _____ of love.