



The Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives identifies us the people of God. Now, we have come to the place where we will not survive without the help of God's Holy Spirit, and we need a heart change. The Church is God's agent in the earth, and the changes we need must start with God's people. But we will not be an overcoming Church without the help of the Spirit of God, and the book of Revelation presents Jesus' counsel to His churches ...

1 Corinthians 12:1–2 <sup>1</sup> *Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.*  
<sup>2</sup> *You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.*

## Book of Revelation

Revelation 1:1, 10 <sup>1</sup> *The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John ...* <sup>10</sup> *On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet.*

## Heaven's Awareness of Earth

### The Church in Ephesus

Revelation 2:2 **"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false."**

### The Church in Thyatira

Revelation 2:19 **"I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first."**

## #1 THE CHOICE OF REPENTANCE

Revelation 2:21–23 **"<sup>21</sup> I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. <sup>22</sup> So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. <sup>23</sup> I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds."**

❖ **We are not saved by works; however, it is necessary to do the work for others to be saved.**

Ephesians 2:8–9 <sup>8</sup> *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—* <sup>9</sup> **not by works**, so that no one can boast.

Mark 16:15–16 <sup>15</sup> *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

1. *Where have you presumed upon God's grace and forgiveness?*
2. *When was a time repentance brought freedom to your life?*

## #2 THERE ARE DIFFERENT "REALMS" OF EXISTENCE

Revelation 4:1–2 (NASB95®) <sup>1</sup> *After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."* <sup>2</sup> **Immediately I was in the Spirit**; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

3. *Where have you allowed your intellect to override your belief in the spiritual realm?*

## #3 SPIRITUAL FORCE/POWER IS BEHIND ALL CREATION

Revelation 4:9–11 <sup>9</sup> *Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: <sup>11</sup> "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, **for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.**"*

## WHO IS WORTHY?

Revelation 5:1–5 <sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, **“Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?”** <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because **no one was found who was worthy** to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. **He is able to open the scroll** and its seven seals.”

Revelation 5:7–12 <sup>7</sup> He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song: **“You are worthy to take the scroll** and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” <sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they sang: **“Worthy is the Lamb**, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Romans 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through hi!

4. How does submitting to the ideology of “me first” through self-fulfillment and self-affirmation contribute to “internal conflict” and diminish your spiritual health?

## #4 PRAYERS REACH INTO THE SPIRITUAL REALM

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## The Seven Seals & The Four Horsemen

### #5 THE ACTIVITY OF HEAVEN IMPACTS EVENTS UPON THE EARTH

Revelation 6:3–4 <sup>3</sup> When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” <sup>4</sup> Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. **Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth** and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Revelation 6:7–8 <sup>7</sup> When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. **They were given power over a fourth of the earth** to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

5. In what ways has mainstream acceptance for practices that go against God’s Word made us vulnerable to spiritual devastation (i.e., abortion, gender reassignment, etc.)?

## PRAYER

**“You are worthy to take the scroll** and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and we will reign on the earth.” ... **“Worthy is the Lamb**, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (3x) **Amen.** (from Revelation 5:9–10, 12, NIV84<sup>®</sup>)