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Rev. 2:8-11

WHAT JESUS KNOWS

I. Introduction: A Personal Letter

- Preach The Gospel
- Live Under Grace

II. Seven Letters Of Jesus To Churches In Asia

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

A. To The Church At Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7)

² **I know your deeds**, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

B. To The Church At Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11)

⁹ **I know your afflictions** and your poverty—yet you are rich! **I know** about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.

C. To The Church At Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17)

¹³ **I know where you live**—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality.

D. To The Church At Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29)

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. ²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

E. To The Church At Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6)

“To the angel^[a] of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits^[b] of God and the seven stars. **I know your deeds**; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.² Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.

F. To The Church At Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13)

⁸ **I know your deeds**. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

G. To The Church At Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22)

¹⁵ **I know your deeds**, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

III. Conclusion and Application:

- Christ Has Complete Knowledge Concerning The Church
- What Would Jesus Say About El Estero Presbyterian Church?