

## CALLING THE CHURCH TO REPENT – 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-14

### SERIES: WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY TO OUR CHURCH?

<sup>5</sup> Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. **Revelation 2:5 (NASB)**

#### 1. AN APOSTLE IN EXILE

<sup>7</sup> BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

**Revelation 1:7 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." **Revelation 1:11 (NASB)**

- **There was full force persecution of the early church**

- From \_\_\_\_\_
- From \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. **Revelation 1:9 (NASB)**

- **Despite apostolic warning, in the early church:**

- There was \_\_\_\_\_ from the authority of God's Word.
- \_\_\_\_\_ with the pagan culture was rampant.

<sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death... <sup>28</sup> Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches. **2 Corinthians 11:23, 28 (NASB)**

<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, **2 Timothy 1:8 (NASB)**

<sup>29</sup> "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. **Acts 20:29-31 (NASB)**

#### 2. JUDGMENT FOR THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. **2 Timothy 3:12 (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. **1 John 3:13 (NASB)**

- **Israel (and therefore, Jesus' disciples), had high expectations for the Messiah and the kingdom he would institute.**

- They expected an heir of David's throne to overthrow Rome's occupying forces
- The salvation they awaited was temporal not eternal

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" **Acts 1:6 (NASB)**

- **What John saw while on Patmos:**

<sup>17</sup> When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **Revelation 1:17 (NASB)**

- **Christ's message to His church is clear!**

- \_\_\_\_\_! (Rev. 2:5; 2:16; 2:22; 3:3; 3:19)

- **A Touch of Reality:** "churches" are not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ places to be.

<sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **Revelation 2:7a (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God .... **Genesis 1:1 (NASB)**