

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 217--Revelation 3)

Introduction: In this chapter Jesus addresses the church at Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. These letters to the churches were designed to strengthen and prepare them for the conflict they were about to endure as well as to comfort them in the persecutions already going on. All of us can profit by comparing Jesus' remarks to these churches with the conditions where we presently worship!

Lesson aim: To understand the messages of Christ to the churches and to evaluate our conduct in light of them.

The letters to Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea--3:1-22

Using this outline, read each letter to the churches and write down what Jesus said about each area.

Salutation:

(To whom written?)

Self-designation:

(How does Jesus identify himself?)

Commendation of good:

(What good points?)

Condemnation of evil:

(What found wrong?)

Exhortation and Warning:

(What encouragement given or what correction called for?)

Promise:

(What is the promise?)

Invitation to hear:

(The same for all)