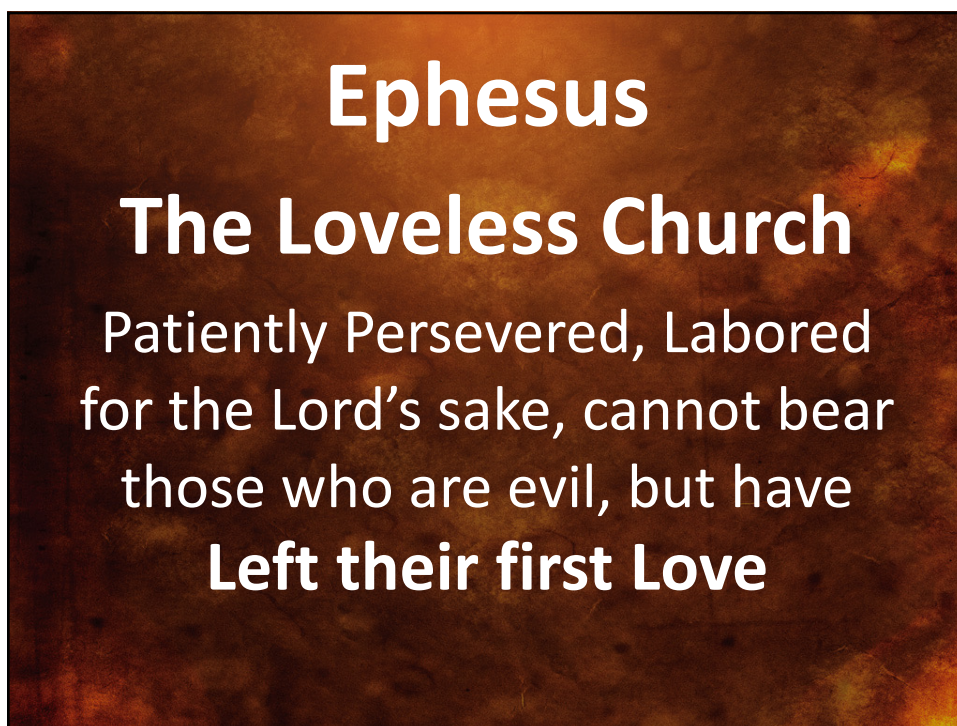


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## Smyrna

### The Persecuted Church

encouraged to remain faithful,  
even unto death, and they would  
receive the crown of life and they  
would not be harmed by the  
second death!

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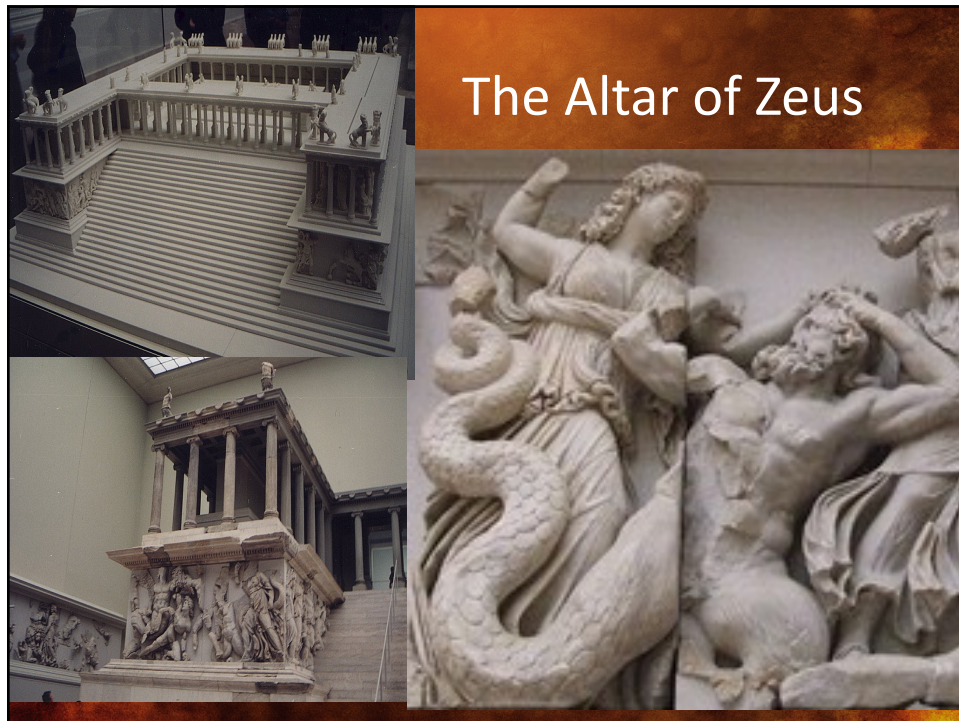
## PERGAMOS

### The Tolerant Church

Hold onto the doctrines of  
Balaam and the Nicholaitians

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The Altar of Zeus

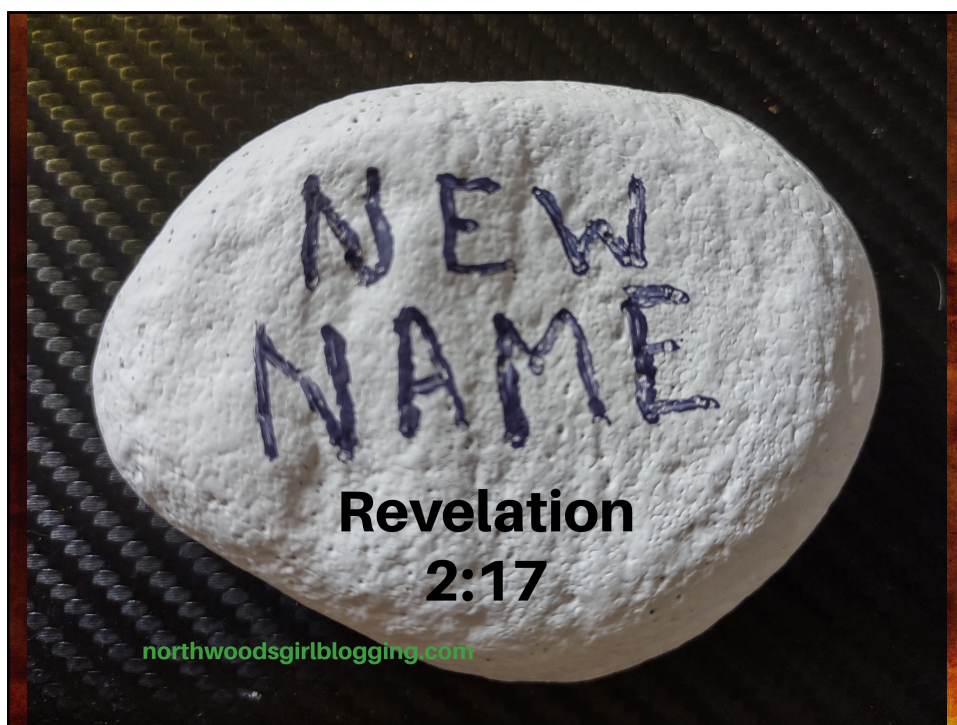
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*Mark  
Townsend  
presiding at an  
interfaith/Chris  
tian/Pagan  
blessing in a  
forest*

*-from Church Times  
Feb 22, 2019*

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## THYATIRA

Where Apollo was called the  
son of the god Zeus

And Roman Emperors were  
worshipped as sons of God

But Jesus is addressed in the  
letter as THE SON OF GOD

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## **THYATIRA**

### **The Compromising Church**

Don't condemn teaching of  
Jezebel, sexual immorality  
and idolatry

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## **5 IMPERATIVES TO SARDIS Watch!**

**Strengthen!**

**Remember!**

**Obey!**

**Repent!**

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## SARDIS



Sardis was in an ideal location in the plain of the River Hermus Valley. It was the meeting place of several major trade routes. Sardis was guaranteed commercial prosperity. It was built on a 1500 foot high plateau with steep cliffs on three sides and a narrow road leading to the city on the fourth side. This made Sardis virtually impenetrable to attack. Sardis was so blessed the river which flowed through the town carried gold dust.

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## SARDIS

**The Dead Church  
Repent or Perish!**

**Name blotted out of  
the book of Life?**

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## **SARDIS- SOULLESS PROFESSION!**

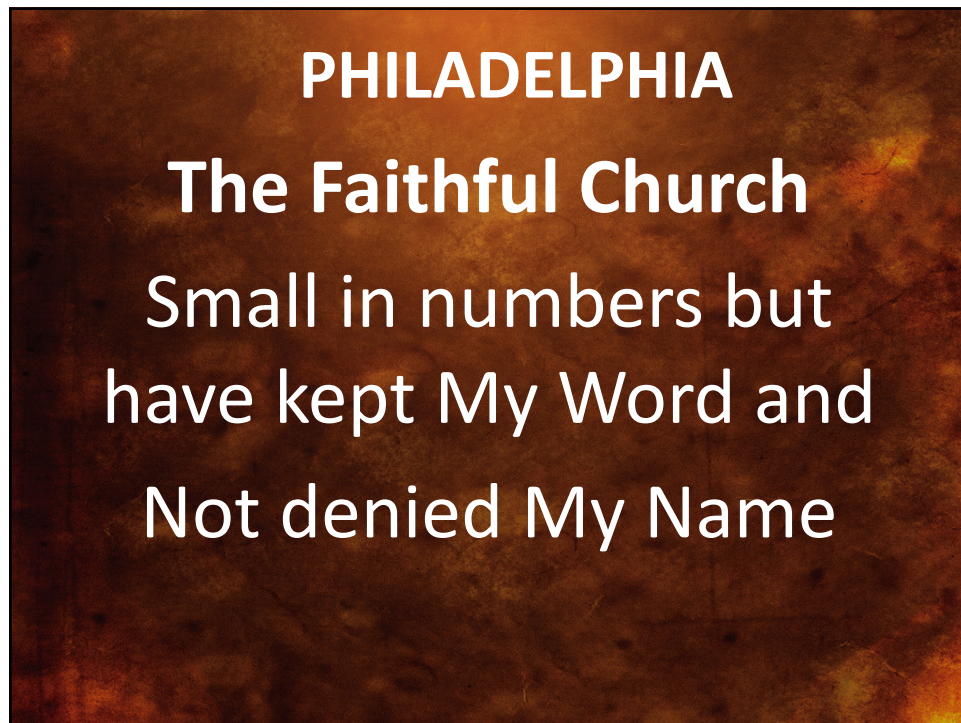
*“... the form retained, the heart gone; Christ owned in word, ignored in deed; creeds correct, conduct respectable, life departed . . . sound doctrine and outward propriety . . . affections not only waning, but gone. His name held, His Word read, His truth owned, Himself forgotten.”*

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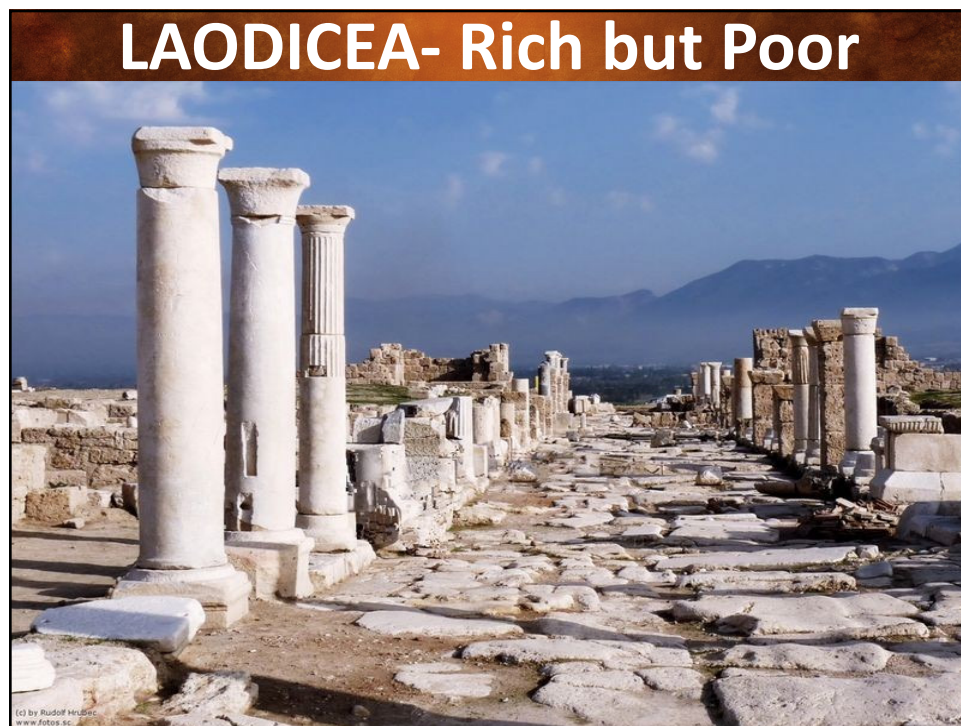
## **Philadelphia: Gateway to the East**



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## COLOSSAE — SOURCE OF THE REFRESHING OLD WATERS



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## Hot Springs of Heirpolis

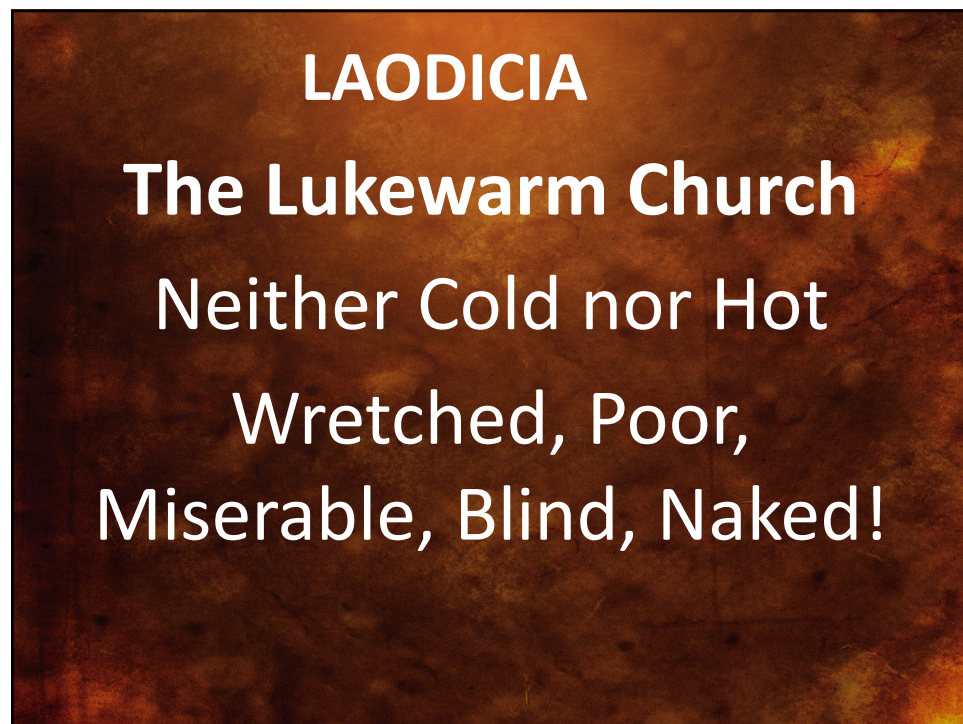


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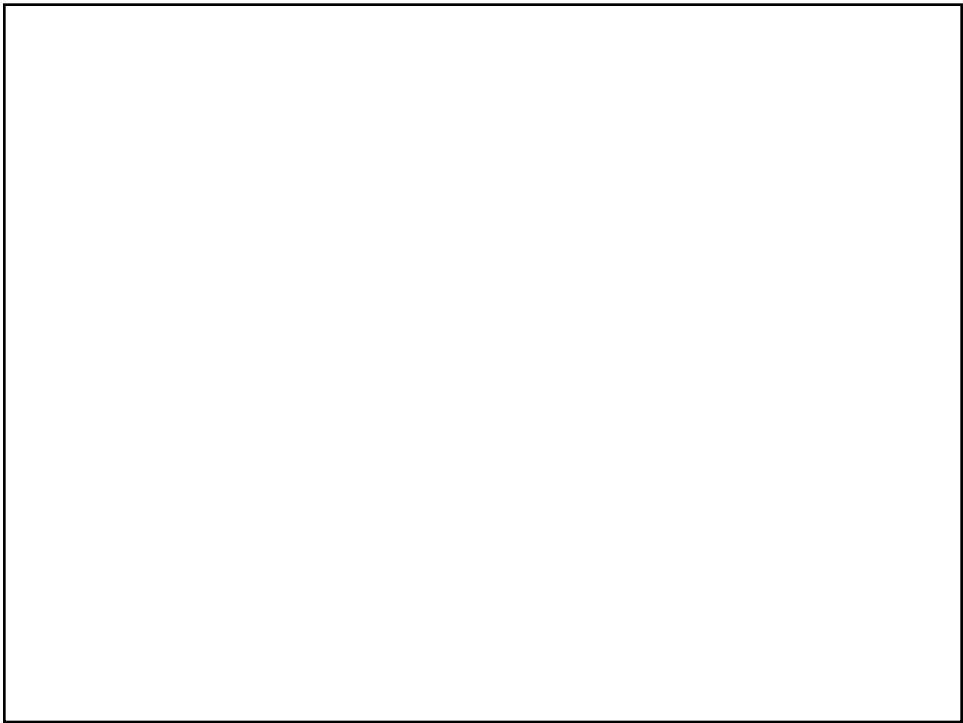
**JESUS SAYS, EXAMINE SPIRITUAL STATE**

- Is it cold? Despondent?
- Is it hot? Passionate?
- Is it lukewarm? Static?
- Are you asleep, inattentive?
- Are you not watchful of deception?
- If the Lord returned tonight, do you know your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

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**Awaken our hearts, Lord,  
to heed Your call,  
To search our souls,  
repent where we fall.  
Strengthen our faith,  
let our first love burn bright,  
Overcoming all darkness,  
walking in Your light.**

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