



## **Part 1 To the Churches – 7 of them!**

**Real churches in real places with real people in them**

- 1. Ephesus – 2:1-7**
- 2. Smyrna – 2:8-11**
- 3. Pergamum – 2:12-17**
- 4. Thyatira – 2:18-29**
- 5. Sardis – 3:1-6**
- 6. Philadelphia – 3:7-13**
- 7. Laodicea – 3:14-22**

## **Part 2 – To the churches – 7 – all of them!**

**The universality of the letters.**

**“Thus says the Lord...”**

**What picture of Jesus do you have as a result of these letters?**

**Then follows “ I know your ...”**

**- deeds 1, 3 (deeds remaining true), 4, 5, 6, 7  
afflictions 2**

**- good things 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, false 5, 7,**

**- yet**

**He who has an ear x7 = imp't for all Christians**

**- to whom do we give an ear?**

**- to whom do we really listen?**

**HEAR – train your ear to tune in to God**

**The message is always COUNTER-CULTURAL**

**Not the leftovers of life for God – the best  
pickings of: time, energy, intellect, money,  
allegiance, company**