

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 20:1-17 and Revelation 3                      Series on Church #7  
**SINGING:** 298:1-3 – 190:1-2 – 238:1-3 – 176:1, 3 – 408:1-3

## **JESUS SEVEN-SIDED VISION FOR HIS CHURCH (2)**

### **Recap: Let your love to Me ...**

*I. ... be living and doing.*

*II. ... be shown by your faithfulness to Me while suffering for Me.*

*III. ... be visible in your distinct identity as My people*

*IV. ... be rooted in the faithful and solid teaching of My Word*

### **V. Sardis: The Dying Church**

A. Why did Jesus open His letter with a reference to the Holy Spirit? (vs. 1)

1. The heart of the problem in Sardis: grieving of the Holy Spirit!

2. How is that visible?

B. Jesus' call is for urgent five-fold action (vs. 2-3)

C. Jesus holds up amazing promise: 4-5

Vision: **Let your love to Me be seen in your honoring of my Holy Spirit**

### **VI. Philadelphia: The Obedient Church**

A. Jesus has only good to say about His visit to Philadelphia

1. He noticed their love and dedication (vs. 8) in using open doors (vs. 7)

2. He promised them success (vs. 9)

3. He promised to preserve them (vs. 10) and secure them (vs. 11-12)

Vision: **Let love to Me be seen in your faithful witness of Me**

### **VII. Laodicea: The sickening Church**

A. They received Jesus harshest and most rebuking words (14-16)

B. Lao is the only church in which Jesus saw nothing worth praising

C. Yet, surprisingly Jesus preached here *His warmest Gospel ministry* (vs. 18-20)

Vision: **Let your love to Me be seen in a burning Gospel ministry to unworthy sinners**

## For the children:

1. Today we will again listen to Jesus' letter to the seven churches. Why did Jesus write these 7 letters? Circle any answers that is good
- a. because He was angry with some                      b. because He loved them  
c. because He wanted them to be safe                      d. because He hated them

2. What was wrong with the church in Sardis? \_\_\_\_\_

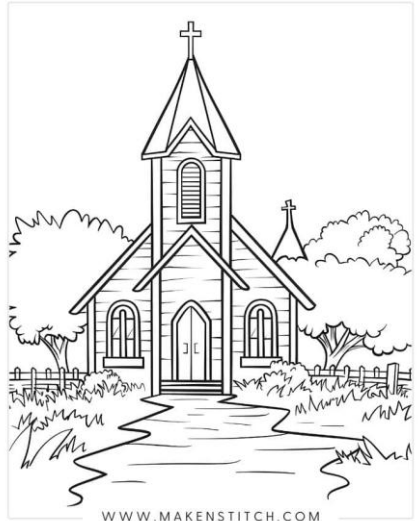
3. Who is the most important Guest in our church? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Only two churches received a very good report card. Which two did? \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

5. What was one of the things the church in Philadelphia did very well?  
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6. True/False: *Very many people went to the church in Philadelphia.*

7. How can you be a missionary for the Lord?  
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8. What make Jesus write his letter to the church of Laodicea? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. There is something very special about the letter to Laodicean church that is not found in any of the other six. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. You are learning about *what Jesus wants your church to be like*. Now there are things only God can do for you and me. For example, to give you a new heart. But all who have a new heart are to do their part to make our church a lovely garden for the Lord. Pray, think and talk about what you can do for your church here in Carterton? \_\_\_\_\_  
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