

The Revelation to St. John
The Seven Letters, Part 3: Revelation 3:1-22

“Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.” -Charlotte Elliott, “Just As I Am,” stanzas 4 (*LSB* #570)

Understanding the Text

Read Revelation 3:1-6, the letter to the church in Sardis.

1. How does Jesus identify Himself, and what does He know about this church? (vv.1-2)

2. What is Jesus' call to repent and His promise to those who do? (vv.3-6)

Read Revelation 3:7-13, the letter to the church in Philadelphia.

3. How does Jesus identify Himself, and what does He know about this church? (vv.7-10)

4. What is Jesus' call to repent and His promise to those who do? (vv.11-13)

Read Revelation 3:14-22, the letter to the church in Laodicea.

5. How does Jesus identify Himself, and what does He know about this church? (vv.14-17)

6. What is Jesus' call to repent and His promise to those who do? (vv.18-22)

Applying the Text

Jesus shows His grace by calling even the worst to repentance.

1. What alone can call a lost sinner back into Christ's fold? (Revelation 3:2-3, 17-18)

2. Why does Jesus discipline His Church? (Revelation 3:19)

Jesus protects His Church from those who persecute her.

3. How does Jesus deal with those who persecute His Church? (Revelation 3:9)

4. What does He promise to those who undergo such persecution? (Revelation 3:10-12)