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Revelation 2:7, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches...*”

Seven times in Revelation the above admonition is given. “He who hath an ear” is simply a poetic way of saying “everyone.” We are to hear what the Spirit through the Bible says to us. Let’s look at the seven things we are admonished to hear. All seven occur in Revelation 2 and 3 as John writes to the seven churches in Asia.

1. Revelation 2:7, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*” We are told here that if we overcome we will be able to eat of the tree of life. In Genesis mankind was banished from the garden of Eden and lost access to the tree of life. Overcoming sin will once again grant us access to it.

2. Revelation 2:11, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*” The second death is being lost eternally.

We are told plainly later in the book of Revelation what the second death is. It is eternal and no hope of ever escaping if we go there. The only hope is to overcome now and the second death cannot hurt us.

3. Revelation 2:17, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*” In this verse we are given multiple things we receive by overcoming. We can eat of the hidden manna. This is some type of nourishment for those in Heaven. It certainly might not be food like we think, but it’s hidden and only for the saved. We will be given a white stone with a new name written. In Heaven we will be given a name no one knows but us, which is simply saying it’s unique to us and no one else will have it. It’s written in a white stone which represents purity. It will not change nor fade since the new name is written in stone.

4-7. Revelation 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, and 3:22 all say, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*” In these verses we are told to listen to what the Spirit says to all the churches. We need to read and listen to these words and heed the warnings and admonitions given. All seven churches of Asia had things said to them we can use to improve our spiritual lives, stay away from sin, and give us hope of eternal life as we live our lives here.

The LORD has always used the number seven to represent perfection and being complete. I think it was with purpose we are told seven times in Revelation to hear what the Spirit says to the seven churches. Listen to these words, follow them, and you can be working toward making your life complete and obtain eternal life.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Randall Locket**, grandfather of Adam and Clay Glass, continues to recover in Bowling Green from an automobile accident.

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Nehemiah 8:8, “*So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.*”

In relation to the previous article, how can we hear what the Spirit says to us? As we are told in Nehemiah, reading brings about understanding. The LORD does not speak to us today in a direct manner. He only speaks to us in the Bible. The words of the Bible are so firm and unchanging, that Paul warned in Galatians 1:8-9, “*8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*”

We are to hear the words of the Bible only. Words that teach things contrary to the Bible are not to be listened to even if an angel speaks them. That angel is to be accursed. This is how serious it is to hear and teach the Bible in it’s purity and simplicity not adding nor subtracting anything. Reading and studying the Bible is the only way we can hear what the Spirit says to us as John wrote seven times to the seven churches in Asia.

Some of the very last words in the Bible warn us not to add to nor take from the word of God. Revelation 22:18-19 says, “*18For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, continued on next page...*”

Sunday, March 12, 2017		
Classes	13	Philippians 4:10-23
Preaching	22	The LORD and Time
Contribution	\$588.00	
Evening	18	Revelation 1:1-20
Wednesday, March 15, 2017		
Classes	17	Daniel 7:1-28

Visitors— Mar 12 (AM) John Lay (Hiseville, KY)
Mar 12 (PM) Kristen Gaugler (Priceville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What did John see in the right hand of Jesus?

Last Week’s Answer— The lion’s mouth (Daniel 6:22)

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If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

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—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)