

Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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Where do we stand?

The Bible is filled with accounts on how God views His people. We are seeing in our study of the book of Joshua, how sin can affect God's relationship with an entire people.

The New Testament provides us with examples as well. Today we look in the book of Revelation to see how God views the church. We are given seven examples in order to understand what God expects of His people, even today.

So the question arises, "Where do you think Pleasant Valley Church of Christ stands?" Would we received praise only, and have nothing against us said? Would God see nothing praise worthy, and we receive only condemnation? Or, would we receive praise for the good we do, but condemnation on the things we are lacking?

Of course, God will not send us a letter through John like He sent to the seven in Asia. But, through His will we have a copy (if you will). We need to take advantage of these seven letters, and put Pleasant Valley to the test. Each one of us needs to look in the mirror and determine what part we will play in the outcome of this congregation of the Lord's people.

So—"Where do we stand?" It just so happens the answer begins with you

Where do we stand?

* Revelation of Jesus Christ

This is not the revelation of John the apostle, but of Jesus Himself

* I know your works

Comforting yet Terrifying

* 7 Churches, 3 Categories

All Praise, All Condemnation, A little of both

* Condemnation

Sardis—Dead Church

Laodicea—Luke warm Church

* Praise

Smyrna—Opposite of Laodicea—they are on fire for the Lord

Philadelphia—Small yet strong

* Both

Ephesus—They can not bear evil; but they have left their first love

Pergamos –They are faithful under persecutions; but have failed to act

Thyatira—They have many works; but failed to put others to the test

* Where is Pleasant Valley Church of Christ?

Where do you want it to be? - It begins with you.