Lessons From the 7 Congregations in Asia

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The Revelation was written in an apocalyptic style of writing ("unveiling"0. You need to understand the OT to understand Revelation. From Chapters 2 and 3 we can get lesson for the church today.

- I. The Lord knows the works that are going on in the churches as he walks among them.

 Revelation 2:1 "These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience,
 - a. He points out to all congregations that they can overcome their transgressions.
 - b. But he will remove the lampstands (remove the churches) that don't obey and repent. Revelation 2:5 ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent
 - c. You have to make a choice; you can't be a lukewarm church.
- II. God knew which churches were following His word, which were transgressing. Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels

Where would we fit into these churches in these chapters? Where would you fit as an individual and where would your church fit? Cold, Hot, or Lukewarm?