

Structure of the Seven Letters

	Ephesus, 2:1-7	Smyrna, 2:8-11	Pergamos, 2:12-17	Thyatira, 2:18-29	Sardis, 3:1-6	Philadelphia, 3:7-13	Laodicea, 3:14-22
Command to write	1a	8a	12a	18a	1a	7a	14a
Title from ch. 1	1b	8b	12b	18b	1b	7b	14b
Message	2-6	9-10	13-16	19-25	1c-4	8-11	15-20
I know thy works	2a	9a	13a	19a	1c	8a	15a
Praise	2-3	9b	13	19		8-11	
Exhortation		10				11b	
Criticism	4-5		14-16	20-23	2-3		15-20
Exhortation	5		16		3		18-19
Praise	6			24	4		
Exhortation	5	10	16	25	3	11b	18-19
Promise to Overcomers				26-28	5	12	21
Let him hear	7a	11a	17a	29	6	13	22
Promise to Overcomers	7b	11b	17b				

An Echo of Jezebel

20 that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess

1 Kings 16:30 And Ahab the son of Omri [king of Israel] ... 31 ... took to wife **Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and **served Baal, and worshipped him.** 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

1Ki 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, **whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.**

to teach and to seduce my servants to commit **fornication**, and to eat things sacrificed unto **idols.**

2Ki 9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the **whoredoms** of thy mother Jezebel and her **witchcrafts** are so many?

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Matt 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

23 And I will kill her children with death

1 Cor 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

23 he which searcheth the reins [kidneys] and hearts

Jer. 17:10 I the LORD **search the heart, I try the reins**, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. (11:20; 20:12; Ps 7:9; 26:2)

The thinking heart:

Eccl 1:13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven:

Prov 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind [heart].

The feeling reins:

Psa 73:21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

Pr 23:16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

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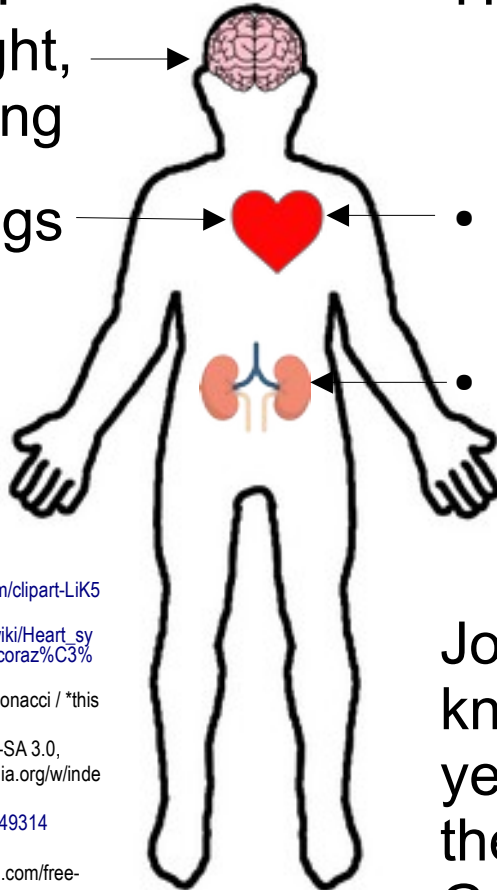
- Thought, planning

- Feelings

Hebrew:

- Thought, planning

- Feelings



Joh 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

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2:23 according to your works

Not the basis of salvation...

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace,**

Tit 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness** which we have done, **but according to his mercy** he saved us,

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which **according to his abundant mercy** hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Ps 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, **according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies** blot out my transgressions.

... but of reward

Matt. 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward **every man according to his works.**

Rom. 2:6 Who will render to **every man according to his deeds:** 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

How do we Know that we are Saved?

1Jn 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life,**

1Jn 2:3 And **hereby we do know that we know him,** if we **keep his commandments.** 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: **hereby know we that we are in him.**

1 Jn 3:4 **We know** that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love** the brethren.

1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but **in deed and in truth.** 19 And **hereby we know** that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

1 Jn 4:12 **If we love one another,** God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 **Hereby know we that we dwell in him,** and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and **then shall every man have praise of God.**

Some Helpful References

24 none other burden βάρος
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Act 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you **no greater burden** than these necessary things; 29 That ye **abstain from meats offered to idols**, and from blood, and from things strangled, **and from fornication**: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well.

25 But that which ye have already **hold fast**

Rev. 2:13 and **thou holdest fast my name**, and hast not denied my faith,

Promises to Thyatiran Overcomers

26 to him will I give **power** ἐξουσία
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Luke 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, All this **power** will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death **hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

27 And he shall **rule** them with a **rod of iron**; as the **vessels of a potter** shall they be **broken to shivers**:

Psa. 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt **break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.**

28 And I will give him the **morning star**

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am** the root and the offspring of David, and **the bright and morning star.**

2 Pet 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, **until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:**