In Revelation two and three

The Church — Her Course

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- The words to them are words to us, So that the church be glorious, And all their warnings we must heed So that the Lord can meet His need.
- **3.** To Ephesus, the word is clear: "To your first love you're not so near; You've left to work so far away; Repent, return to Him today."
- 4. Thus, we must all turn back to Him, Leave other loves, for these are sin.Oh, let us hearken to His call— If we miss this, we've missed it all!
- 5. Then unto Smyrna, suffering, sore— "You have been tried, but something more— Be faithful unto death," we're told (Not just of body but of soul).
- 6. Be faithful 'til what's natural dies; Your circumstances don't despise; The Lord has sent them all to you To prove that your first love is true.
- 7. From Pergamos we clearly see The world has wed Christianity! And faithful Antipas did fall— He dared to stand against it all.
- 8. To wed the world we all must fear: His spoken word will save us here— If to His speaking we give heed, We'll separated be indeed.
- 9. Then Thyatira comes at length: Her mixture with the world her strength. Fine flour leavened by the yeast, A harlot riding on a beast.

- 10. Lord, we are mixed but hardly know; To us this mixture fully show.Each added thing we will refute Until we're wholly absolute.
- And then from Sardis, we can know Life is the way that we must go! She says she's living, but she's dead; She needs to touch the Lord instead.
- 12. Lord, take us all the way to life To overcome the deadness rife. Away from deadness we would flee That full of life we'll always be.
- 13. Now Philadelphia comes at last; That which she has she should hold fast The brothers' love, the name, the word; This church has satisfied the Lord.
- 14. We as the brothers all are one; We're one by life, and life alone. If we His word and name do keep A glorious building God will reap.
- 15. Laodicea warns us all: From Philadelphia some will fall. By saying, "I am rich," it's then The Lord is outside wanting in.
- 16. Lukewarmness we must ever spurn And in the spirit always burn, The inward life experience gain, And pay the price with Him to reign.
- 17. Lord, shine Your light on us today That we may fully go Your way; Anoint our eyes and let us see So You can have recovery.