

Red Letters - Ephesus, Smyrna, & Pergamum

CALL TO WORSHIP

An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.

Revelation 1:17,18

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."



CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.

CONFESSION

TOGETHER

You are the Lord of the church, with all authority in heaven and earth, the Eternal one, the first and the last, the one who died for our sins, yet overcame death.

LEADER

We confess that too often we honor You with our lips, but our hearts are far from You.

We practice dead religion, with no delight.

TOGETHER

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and forgive us. We have abandoned You, our first love.

LEADER

We confess that too often we do what is right in our own eyes with no regard to Your word, compromising Your perfect wisdom in exchange for idols and lust.

TOGETHER

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and forgive us, We've abandoned You, our first love.

LEADER

We confess that too often we betray God's standards, truth, and righteousness, preferring to define our own standards, reality, and righteousness.

TOGETHER

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us and forgive us, We've abandoned You, our first love.



Pause in silence and prayerful reflection.

ASSURANCE

LEADER

People of God, for those who look to the death and resurrection of Jesus for hope-
He places His hand on our hearts today and says, "Do not fear!"
The judgment for your sins has been laid on Him.

Your works do not define you, His righteousness defines you.
The Father has given you a new name and calls you sons and daughters.

He has chosen you before time and has lavished you
with His grace, with all wisdom and insight.
He has given you a crown of life and
He is preparing for you a never-ending feast.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!

LEADER

Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear Your voice
and a heart to do Your will.



BENEDICTION

A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.

Revelation 1:4-6

“Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come... from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

