

Revelation Series

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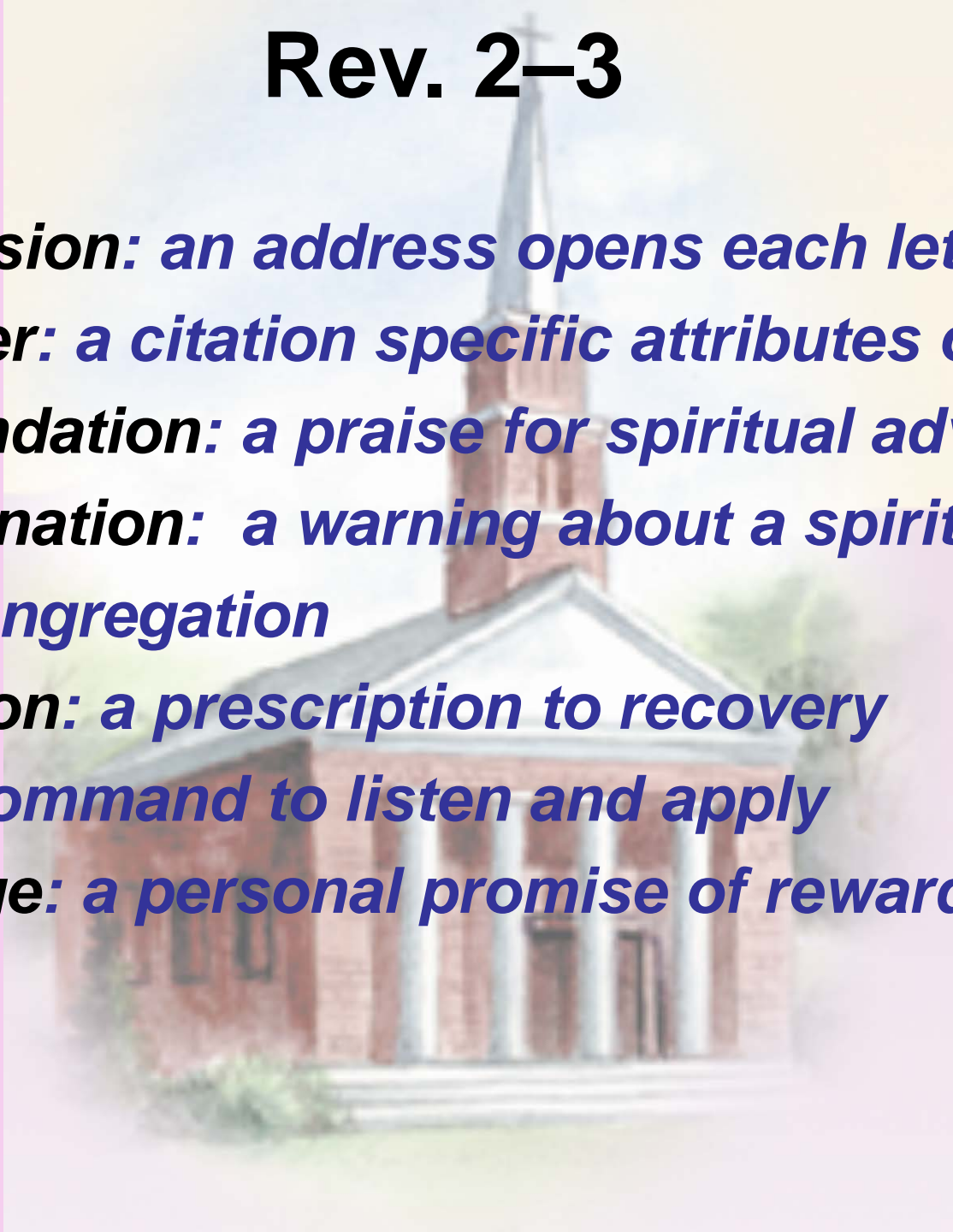
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Rev. 2–3

- 1. Commission: an address opens each letter***
- 2. Character: a citation specific attributes of Christ***
- 3. Commendation: a praise for spiritual advance***
- 4. Condemnation: a warning about a spiritual flaw in the congregation***
- 5. Correction: a prescription to recovery***
- 6. Call: a command to listen and apply***
- 7. Challenge: a personal promise of reward***



Commendations

works

labor

patience: *hupomones*

not able to endure evil people

Evaluate: apostolic claims

Have patience: i.e., *bastazo*

Hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans

Endure adversity (tribulation/poverty)

Imprisoned for the faith

Living in adverse circumstances

Hold fast to Christ's name

Don't deny faith even in persecution

Service

Faith

Obedient application of doctrine

Condemnations

Left their first love

Compromised doctrinally with the doctrine of Balaam, Nicolaitans, Jezebel (this involves antinomianism, anti-Semitism, sexual licentiousness, idolatry)

Good reputation, but carnal, operating on human good and religion

Defiled (soiled, *moluno*)

Lukewarm, i.e., spiritually useless

Self-deceived and self satisfied

**(wretched, miserable, poor, blind,
naked)**

Corrections

Remember your first love

Be faithful until death

Repent of doctrinal compromise and antinomianism

Repent of sexual licentiousness

Be watchful

Strengthen your spiritual life

**Remember what Christ did for you and
grace**

Hold fast

**Buy gold refined, buy white garments,
anoint your eyes**

Be zealous

Challenge

Eat from the **tree of life** in the Paradise of God

Crown of life: not hurt by second death

Hidden Manna to eat

White stone with a new name

Morning Star

Name honored before God the Father and the Holy Spirit

Pillar in the temple

Name of God written on him and the name of the city of God written on him and Jesus Christ's name written on him

Sit on throne with Jesus and rule with Him