Subject: Apostolic view of Revelations ch. 1-3
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A. these 3 chapters reveal messages to the 7 churches in Asia. Also a picture of Christians. I will not be able to understand how one can be called to Jesus and then later things change for Christians in a later period of time.

B. What is that so called change?

The 7 churches were called to be over comers. This is a awesome bunch of letters to the churches of all ages. Note God encourages them for good things they are doing. You can tell it is the Holy Spirit speaking by John. That is because the love of God is manifest by the way God approves of them for their good. Then he rebukes in a strong way their missing the mark.

- C. For some time have been searching for unquestionable proof of how people can live a unfaithful life and still believe their accepted to spend eternity with Jesus. God all of a sudden showed me what it is.
- D. Rev. 2:4 They have left their first love. In the context of being the bride of Christ-- first love would be a husband.
- v.5 to fix the problem will require repentance. grace is always there for overcomers. Then they are saved absolutely.
- v.11 If one overcomes where they don't have to repent about anything, they will be kept from the second death.

What is the second death? Rev.20:6, v.14, and 21:8 it is Hades and the lake of fire.

Ps.19:12 and 90:8 shows us we will be blinded to our faults and sins many times and seem to think we are always okay. The Holy Spirit is the great helper so we can maintain a pleasing righteous life. imputed righteousness is not a one time life it is that initial forgiveness to save us by the atoning blood of the Lamb. Then we strive to endure and be a overcomer.

This is a daily battle for all of us and so we pray our father in heaven lead me not into temptation but deliver me from all temptation. We lose a lot of blessings if we seek not the kingdom and his righteousness. These written words on the page may not move us till we read--Rev.2:11 we will not lose our salvation. If we have faith for salvation, but if we are not overcomers of sin and the world we can give it up. Heb. 7:25 Jesus ever lives to pray our faith fails not.

Walk in repentance and remember He that endures to the end shall be saved. Matt. 24:13. We are not saved by works. it is a gift. We can divorce the bride groom. In Jude 1:24 it not only says God can keep you from falling but also to be faultless before his presence and glory. Yes confess you are going to heaven and believe it. But also overcome or repent to have the overcomers ticket (the blood) to be caught up to heaven. (very soon)

Why did the way back then saints talk like they were going to heaven soon? Faith believes now and then waits for the manifestation. Abraham would have a Isaac though he waited 25 years. Hold fast brethren and receive the prize. I will be there to greet you. I am running the race and have faith I will be in heaven soon. Praise God.

PS. Why would 1Cor 10 1-12 admonish us to not copy Israel's fall and say the rock they followed was Christ? Then in Jude 1:24 say Christ is our help to keep us from falling. John 3:14 was to show us how they fell and many died for sins. Not even the chance to go offer a sacrifice offering. Others who looked at the sign of the serpent pole were saved. They obeyed and looked at the sign by faith. That saved them. Brass has two meanings. 1. it is the metal. 2. it also means lust and harlotry. it is Heb. Nechosheth.

They were seeing the rock of Christ and his cross. and seeing how they were being by faith forgiven from their Harlotry and lust to go back to Egypt(the world). To murmur and complain tempted Christ to say he cannot provide a table in the wilderness but their gods in Egypt can. They would rather be married to their gods (idols). That is harlotry. Grace and peace to you.