

THE CHRIST COMMUNITY, PART 13  
**THE CHURCH AS THE  
GOLDEN LAMPSTAND**  
Revelation 1:9-3:22

*The church is a company of believers vitally joined  
to Christ, giving light to the world.*

**The EXPERIENCE of the Apostle (1:9-11, 17a, 19)**

**The EXPLANATION of the Lampstands (1:12, 20)**

**The EXALTATION of the Christ (1:13-18)**

**The EXAMINATION of the Church (2:1-3:22)**

1. Christ's Word to Ephesus—The Passionless Church (2:1-7)
2. Christ's Word to Smyrna—The Persecuted Church (2:8-11)
3. Christ's Word to Pergamum—The Overly Tolerant Church (2:12-17)
4. Christ's Word to Thyatira—The Compromising Church (2:18-29)
5. Christ's Word to Sardis—The Dead Church (3:1-6)
6. Christ's Word to Philadelphia—The Testifying Church (3:7-13)
7. Christ's Word to Laodicea—The Arrogant Church (3:14-22)