The Seven Churches of Asia

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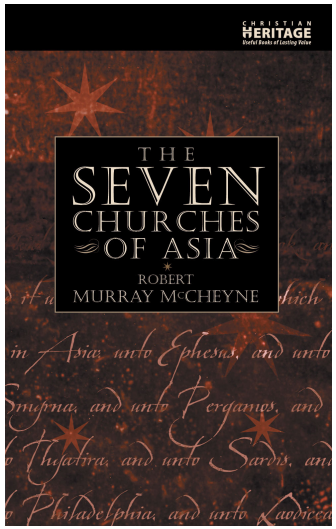

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AUTHOR

Robert Murray McCheyne (1813 – 1843) has had a tremendous impact not only on the people of his generation but through his writings ever since. He died in his thirtieth year and in the seventh year of ministry while he was the pastor of St Peter's Free Church. His epitaph describes him as a man who 'was honoured by his Lord to draw many wanderers out of darkness into the path of life'.

ENDORSEMENTS

"The Chief thing about him was the unction from the Holy Spirit... at times he was awakening... at other times he was melting and moving as he dwelt on the great theme of redeeming love."

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"These samples of McCheyne's work are utterly Christ-centred. He incessantly pointed listeners, and now readers also, to Christ for eternal life and for sanctified living . . . This volume is therefore highly recommended to all, particularly as a devotional aid, and also to preachers as an abiding monument and yardstick of God-glorifying proclamation."

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This brief book contains a series of seven expositions of the churches in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. As you read through you can't help but gain some idea of the preacher's passion for souls and longing to see Christians walking the way of holiness. These are splendid examples of devotional preaching, with lots of helpful Bible teaching throughout. You get some insights into who the different characters are, such as the Nicolaitans and Jezebel. You also get some historical detail as to what happened to each of the churches as time passed.
My only problem with this book comes during the seventh exposition, on the church at Laodicea. The author has interpreted the passage as a message to unrepentant sinners, who are hesitating and rejecting God's offer of mercy. However, it's worth remembering that the seven letters were written to the actual church. With this in mind, the 'lukewarm' at Laodicea were more likely to have been half-hearted complacent christians, who needed to repent.
Nevertheless, in spite of this, the book still makes for an excellent devotional read. It is a little treasure left for Christians today.

Andrew Young, Fraserburgh.

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