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REVELATION CHAPTERS TWO & THREE AND IT'S  
MESSAGE FOR THE CHURCH**

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## ABSTRACT

This research work deals with the examination of those factors of church growth in the seven letters to the seven churches in Asia, and its message to those churches, hence the message for the church of all ages.

Chapter one focuses on the motivating factors for the research, methodology used, definition of key terms and related literature review. The method used in this research is basically a library research work.

Chapter two researches into the concept of church growth in the New Testament and how it was understood and practiced by the early church.

Chapter three discusses the issue of church growth in the two chapters of the book of Revelation. The findings made clarify the various understandings and interpretations of these two chapters, the concepts of church growth that are embedded in these two chapters, and finally the growth factors that are there. The discovery shows that recognizing the Lordship of Christ, obedience to his revealed will, Love, fellowshiping faith and faithfulness, realization that Christian life is life of growth, right doctrine, Discipline, right leadership and strong commitment to witnessing are factors of church growth.

Chapter four researches into the implication that the original message to these seven churches has for the church in general, hence its message and implication for church growth.

Chapter five gives a summary of the research, suggestions, evaluation of the research findings and conclusion. Making it clear that church growth is doing all things required by God, to grow church. Which are those factors of church growth, and this begins with God's self-revelation, obedience to His revealed will, realization and implementation of those factors that enhance church growth.