

Loveless

(To the Church in Ephesus)

Revelation 2:1-7

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Revelation 2:1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.’”

1. Christians are called to be _____ to the world.

Revelation 2:2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. ... 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

2. Jesus commended this church for hard work, _____, discernment and _____.

Revelation 2:4 “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”

3. Have you left your _____?

Revelation 2:5 “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”

4. Is our faith a _____ or a passionate love affair?

Revelation 2:7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

5. Jesus promises _____ with him for the believer.

Discussion Questions

1. What commendations would Jesus be able to say about your Christian life? (Both individually and collectively)
2. How does understanding Jesus “knows” our works motivate you?
3. How can we hate our sin in an appropriate, godly way?
4. What robs your affections and what stirs your affections for Jesus?
5. How is it possible to walk away from loving Jesus while claiming to have sound doctrine?