

**SERMON SERIES: THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA – REV. 1 – 3**

**“THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS”**

**Revelation 2:1-7**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**“The Church of Ephesus”** - Ephesus was the first of seven churches to receive a letter. This church was condemned for forsaking its first love – busy working for Christ but had no sincere love for Him. **The way to return to your First Love for Christ -Remember– Repent - Repeat**

**We will review Six Key Points regarding The Church of Ephesus:**

- I. THE COMMISSION OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS** (v. 1a)
  - A. The Pastor is to shepherd the flock under his care**
  - B. Pastors are God’s Gift to the Church (Eph 4:11)**
  
- II. THE CHARACTER OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS** (v. 1b)
  - A. The “HE” is Jesus Christ Himself**
  - B. Jesus is the Head of His Church (Eph 5:23; Col 1:18)**
  - C. Description of Christ (Eph 1:11-13, 20)**
  
- III. THE COMMENDATIONS OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS** (vv. 2-3, 6)

**In this passage of scripture there are eight positive statements:**

  - A. “I Know” (v. 2a), - B. “Thy Works” (v. 2b), - C. “Thy Labour” (v. 2c)**
  - D. “How thou cannot bear them which are evil (v. 2c; 1 Cor 11:1)**
  - E. “Thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars” (v. 2d; Matt 7:15-20)**
    - o (Eph 1:4, 8-9; Jude 24; Matt 1:21; 2 Thess 1:9; Acts 17:11)
  - F. “And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured” (v. 3a; Rom 1:16)**
  - G. “And hast not fainted” (v. 3b)**
  - H. “Thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate” (v. 6; Matt 6:24; 1 Cor 10:21)**
  
- IV. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS** (v. 4)
  - A. After the praises – Jesus rebuked the Church of Ephesus**
  - B. “First Love” (Matt 22:37-39)**
  
- V. THE CORRECTION OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS** (v. 5)
  - A. Remember - B. Repent – (1 John 1:9) - C. Repeat**
  
- VI. THE CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS** (v. 7)
  - A. Listen: “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” (v. 7a)**
  - B. Hope: “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God” (v. 7b; Luke 23:43; 2 Cor 12:4).**

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. If your Love for Christ has grown cold or indifferent - Remember - Repent- Repeat**
- B. What are you going to do with what you have heard?**
- C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8)