

A kind of Orthodoxy without Love for Christ

Revelation 2:1-7

The Lord Jesus in chapter 2-3 addresses 7 letters via 7 emissaries to 7 churches. He chooses these churches because they represent the attitudes and conditions (positive and negative) found in all churches at times.

John's introduction

It cannot be stated too often or too loudly that in John's day, according to apostolic doctrine, that there was but one local church in each city, and that fact is reflected here in the 7 letters to the 7 churches in 7 cities. 1 local church per city!

V2-3, Jesus gives as much credit for the orthodoxy – **right doctrine**, and orthopraxy – **right practice** of the Ephesian Christians, as He can:

- Deeds and toil
- Perseverance under trial, and not grown weary defending the truth
- Intolerance of evil men
- Testing so-called apostles (so much for “touch not God's anointed”!)

HOWEVER! This I have against you! OWW! THAT HURTS!

V4, You have left (deliberately abandoned) your first love! This implies an intentional decision to make love for Christ of lower importance in their thinking, their emotions, devotions, compared to something else, not merely a love neglected through dis-use.

V5, The cure for a hard hear. How to re-light the candle of first-love in a relationship.

1) Remember!

2) Repent!

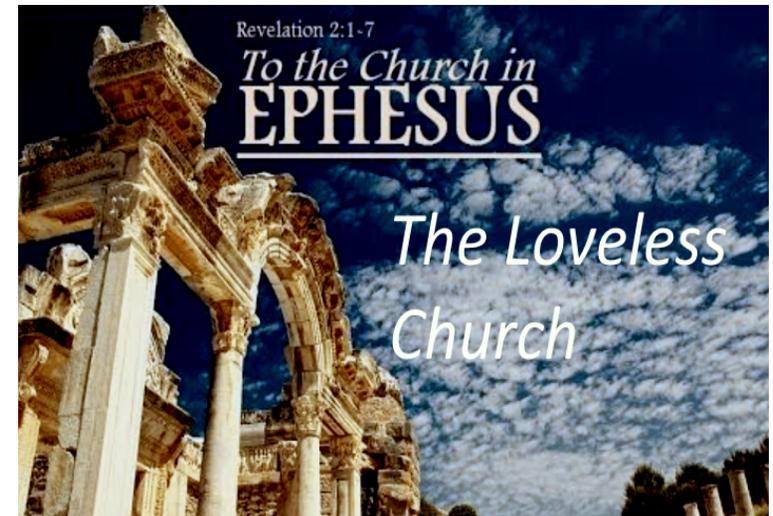
3) Do what you did at first

v6, Commendation regarding hate of the deeds of the Nicolaitans.



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- Teaching -

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- June 10th, 2018 -

- Order of Service -

Welcoming Prayer

Scripture Reading

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- 410, The Solid Rock
- 367, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
- 362, Blessed Assurance
- He will hold me fast

Congregational Reading – Please stand

Announcements and Prayer requests

Bible Quiz

Greeting

Message in the Word –

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Sending Prayer

*“Learn here from Paul to believe that
Christ was given, not for made-up sins, or
for water-color sins, or for petty sins...*

...but for immense and enormous sins.”

– Martin Luther



Prayer Requests, Praises - Hebrews 4:16

- Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
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News/Calendar

➔ **Today: Communion & Pot Luck.**

➔ **Wednesday:** Bible study 6:30.

➔ Church music is on-line on our website

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- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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