

Believers Together - Discovering Truth Bible Studies

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

To the Church in Ephesus—Revelation 2:1–7

Open It

1. Why does love—even the most fervent and committed love—sometimes grow cold over time?
2. What is something you remember loving dearly as a child that you eventually outgrew?

Revelation 2:1–7 (ESV)

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.

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.

³I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.

⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

⁵Remember 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.

⁶Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷He 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.’

Explore It

3. How did the speaker in this passage identify Himself? (2:1)
4. Jesus praised the church at Ephesus for what deeds? (2:2–3)
5. With what in the Ephesian church was Christ unsatisfied? (2:4)
6. How did the church at Ephesus need to change? (2:5)
7. What warning was given to the church if it failed to obey Christ’s words? (2:5)
8. What did the church at Ephesus have in its favor? (2:6)
9. What final promise was made to “him who overcomes”? (2:7)

Get It

10. If Jesus were to write you a personal letter, for what would He commend you, and in what ways would He correct you?
11. How would you assess the health of your relationship with Christ right now?

Apply It

12. What is one step you can take this week to build the quality of perseverance in your faith?