

Message Notes

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Dear Church
Ephesus (Rev 2:1-7)
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To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. (Rev. 2:1) NIV

- ◆ Christ holds the church _____ with power and authority. (Mt. 16:18)
- ◆ Christ walks among the churches & _____ does today. (Mt. 28:20)
- ◆ The letter is written to a _____ people, place & time.

Ephesus

- ◆ Most _____ city of the seven listed in Revelation 1-3.
- ◆ Church was planted by _____ in the mid 50's. (Acts 18-19)
- ◆ Won the title _____ because of its worship of Artemis (Acts 19).
- ◆ The church worked hard, _____, stood firm for the Truth of God's Word & _____ for Christ's Name. (Rev. 2:2-4; 6)

The Problem & The Remedy(Rev. 2:4-5)

Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. (Rev. 2:4-5) NIV

- ◆ The church was busy _____, instead of simply being.
 - ◆ We can _____ God without _____ God
 - ◆ What we do should _____ out of who we are.
 - ◆ R_____ = Keep on remembering. (Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)
 - ◆ R_____ = Godly sorrow followed by a change in _____.
- (Mt. 4:17; Acts 2:14-41; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:9-10)
- ◆ D___ the things you're doing, but with the same Spirit you did at first.

The Warning & Reward (Rev. 2:6-7)

- ◆ Without love for Christ as our _____, the church will cease to be.
- ◆ We will _____ of the tree of life in the Paradise of God. (Rev. 2:7; 21-22)
- ◆ Jesus is still asking: Do you _____ me?

My To-Be List:

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