

## EPHESUS: THE CHURCH THAT LEFT ITS FIRST LOVE (Revelation 2:1-7)

I. The THINGS Which You HAVE SEEN (Revelation 1)

II. The THINGS Which ARE (Revelation 2-3)

\* What is the significance of these 7 churches?

### A. Ephesus: The Church That Left Its First Love (2:1-7)

1. The **Command** to \_\_\_\_\_ ... to the church at Ephesus concerning  
"\_\_\_\_\_"(2:1a)

\* Who is the messenger to this Church?

2. The **Church & City** ... was at \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1)

\* What was its location & significance?

3. The **Critic** is ... \_\_\_\_\_ and He says to the messenger...  
"\_\_\_\_\_" .... all about you! (2:2)

\* What do we see about the Critic here? (2:1)

a. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the seven stars in His right \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1b)  
which means His hand is:

b. Jesus Christ walks in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the 7 golden candlesticks which means:

4. The **Commendations** of Christ given this church include:

a. their \_\_\_\_\_ .... "...your works, labor, & patience" (2:2a)

b. their \_\_\_\_\_ .... "you cannot bear those who are evil (2:2b)

c. their \_\_\_\_\_ ... " you have tested those who say they are  
apostles & are not & you have found them liars" (2:2c)

d. their \_\_\_\_\_ ... " you have preserved, been patient, have  
labored, & have not become weary for my name sake (2:3)

e. their \_\_\_\_\_ ... "you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate"

5. The **Criticism** leveled... "I have this \_\_\_\_\_ you...you have \_\_\_\_\_ your first love!"

- \* What does "left" mean?
- \* What does FIRST LOVE refer to?
- \* What does the word "**first**" mean?
- \* How does leaving our First Love occur?

6. The **Correction** needed:

a. **Remember** therefore, from where you have fallen—this calls for a recollection of past \_\_\_\_\_ & an evaluation of present \_\_\_\_\_.

b. **Repent**—have a decisive change of mind

c. **Repeat**... "do the first works"

- \* What are these "first works"?
- \* What do these admonitions appeal to?
- \* Do you really need to take heed to this command? (2:5b)

7. The Closing Encouragement we need to \_\_\_\_\_: (2:7)

a. Christ's encouragement to the \_\_\_\_\_ believer (2:7a)

b. Christ's encouragement to the " \_\_\_\_\_ " (2:7b)

\* Who is the "overcomer" ?

\* What does this mean to you?