

Digging Deeper: Revelation 2:1-7

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To the Church in Ephesus

2 “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. **3** I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. **4** But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. **5** Remember 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. **6** Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. **7** He 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.’ ¹

Day 1

This week provides a “rest of the story” to our study in Ephesians. Read the passages from Revelation 2. Who wrote this? For what purpose? Summarize the message to the Church in Ephesus.

Day 2

Today, read Revelation 2:1. Spend some time meditating on this magnificent verse. Who is this that is being referred to? Do a Bible study by Googling this verse or reviewing commentaries. Spend some time worshipping and adoring our redeemer and sustainer and Him who sits on the throne.

Day 3

Today, read Revelation 2:2-3. Here the Apostle John in the Revelation, tells the Church the positive qualities they have had. Note these attributes. Compare the letter of 2nd Peter against false teachers and 1st Peter to patiently endure. Spend some time today praying you and our church may be infused with these qualities.

Day 4

Today, read Revelation 2:4. This is being held against the Church that they have forgotten their first love. Read 1 John 4:19. We love Him because He first loved us. Now consider what is our first love? How do we forget our first love? If Christ is reproofing the Church here, how much more do we need to fit under this warning? Today, let us repent indeed for forgetting our first love.

Day 5

Today, read Revelation 2:5. We will consider the necessity for repentance. How would you define repentance? What must the Church repent of? When? What does this mean for us right now as well? Today, pray over any areas of your life the Holy Spirit is bringing to your attention that need to be repented of.

Day 6

Today, read Revelation 2:6-7. Identify the works of the Nicolaitans. Why are they hated?

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Re 2:1-7). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.