

**LET LOVE ARISE**

## Revelation 2:1-4 (AMP)

**“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus...**

**“I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined (and tested) the claims of those who say they are apostles (special messengers, personally chosen representatives, of Christ), but are not (and have found them to be liars and impostors). You have discovered they are liars.**

**You have patiently suffered for me without quitting (and you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth]).**

**But I have this [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me].**

## **Revelation 2:5-7 (AMP)**

**So remember the heights from which you have fallen, and repent [change your inner self--your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior--seek God's will] and do the works you did at first [when you first knew Me]; otherwise, I will visit you and remove your lampstand (the church, the congregation and its impact) from its place--unless you repent.**

**Yet you have this [to your credit], that you hate the works and corrupt teachings of the Nicolaitans [that mislead and delude the people], which I also hate.**

**“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.**

**Paul wrote in (Ephesians 1:15) “I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints”, in (Ephesians 2:15), and how they had come together to form “one new man,” in (Ephesians 2:16) “one body”. They were multiethnic as well as diverse in their socioeconomic make-up. Paul commends the church in (Ephesians 6:24) on their sincerity and faithfulness in the final sentence of his letter stating:  
Grace be with all those who **love** our Lord Jesus Christ with undying and incorruptible **love**.**

**Strong's #25 **agapáō** love** = to prefer to love, its an action or choice to love; for the believer it means: those preferring to live their life through Christ, embracing God's will (choosing His choices) actively choosing to do what the Lord prefers, living life led by His direction and sustained by His power.

## The Lord told the Ephesian church:

I have seen your hard work, I have seen your patience, I have seen your endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined (tried the spirits and tested) the claims of those who say they are apostles (special messengers, personally chosen representatives, of Christ), but are not (and through discernment have found them to be liars and impostors). You have patiently suffered for me without quitting (and you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth]). You have this [also to your credit], that you hate the works and corrupt teachings of the Nicolaitans [that mislead and destroyed peoples faith, through control, commercialism of Jesus and the acceptance of pagan beliefs], which I also hate.

## Revelation 2:4

I have this [charge] against you, that you have left (abandon, forsaken) your first **love** [your early love, you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me].

**STRONGS NT #26 *agapen*, from #25  
agapao: affection, goodwill, longing  
for, take pleasure in, unconditional,  
sacrificial, love-feast**



“Your love, the first one, you have left.”

the phrase “**you have left**” is from a Greek word (***aphiemi***), which denotes the voluntary release, disregard, neglect, the forsaking or separation of something that was once held dear, something that held value.

## 2 Timothy 1:6 (AMP)

**For this reason I remind you to fan into flames (rekindle) (keep ablaze) the gift of God, which is in you...**



## Galatians 6:9 (AMP)

**We can't allow ourselves to get tired of living the right way.**

**Certainly, each of us will receive [everlasting life] at the proper time, if we don't give up.**

**Let us **repent**, making the decision to  
return to our first love, rearranging  
our thinking to allow for a  
transformation, committing to his  
ways**

**Let us **renew** ourselves, becoming  
new creatures, replacing the old,  
becoming better, transforming our  
minds, dusting off the gifting, putting  
into action what God placed has  
within us**

**Let us **revive** ourselves, let spiritual awakening from a state of slumber and coldness and stagnation come forth, let us be restored from a depressed, inactive, unused state, bringing back to life that which lies lifeless because of the distractions of life.**

## Amos 6:1 (AMP)

**Woe to those who are at ease  
(relaxed, carefree) in Zion...**



**Joel 2:1 (AMP)**

**Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an  
alarm!...**