

Dear Church
Week 1: Ephesus
Revelation 2:1-7

"...all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works." Revelation 2:23

*"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" **1 Peter 4:17***

1- Christ is in Command of the Church. (vs1b)

*"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence." **Colossians 1:18***

• **Jesus found they were a Separated church.** (vs2b)

*"Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." **1 Corinthians 6:17***

• **Jesus found they were a Spiritually discerning church.** (vs2c)

• **Jesus found they were a Suffering church.** (vs3a)

• **Jesus found they were a Strong church.** (vs3b)

2- Christ Condemns the church for leaving its first love. (vs4-5)

*"If you love Me, keep My commandments." **John 14:15***

3- Christ lays out the Consequences. (vs5d)

• **Remember** (vs5a)

• **Repent** (vs5b)

• **Return** (vs5c)