

Dear Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

The Outline of Revelation (Revelation 1:19)

Revelation 1 - “the things that you have seen

Revelation 2 and 3 - “those that are”

Revelation 4-22 - “those that are to take place after this”

It is possible to do a lot of great things but still miss the most important thing.

Without love, everything we do is simply going through the motions.

Jesus wants us to love the way He loved us.

There is a great danger in leaving our first love.

The Symptoms of Leaving Our First Love

- We become comfortable and content instead of driven.
- We lose our excitement and passion.
- The things we do for God feel more like a duty than a desire.
- We become insensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- We do more for self-glory than Christ’s glory.
- We begin to love something or someone more than we love Christ.

The Danger of Going Through the Motions

- It sets a poor example for new believers.
- It teaches our children/grandchildren a distorted lesson on what it means to be a Christian.
- It causes us to become content with less than God’s best.

Christ is inviting us to repent so that we can return to doing things out of passionate love for Him.

Takeaways

- Two of the greatest words in the vocabulary of the Christian is “used to.” It is also two of the saddest.
- Love must be the motivation for everything in the life of a believer (Matthew 22:35-40).
- We must be on guard against allowing our service to the King be bore and a burden when it is to be a blessing.
- In asking us to repent, Jesus is asking us to return to the joy of serving Him in love.