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No matter what, He is present, He is coming, <u>He is in control</u>, He has won!

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

3 Questions

- What is the Church?
- · What threats does it face?
- How should the church recognize Jesus'
 Lordship?

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

2 Things that mark the Church

Devotion to the Word of God

Love for one another

"Anywhere you hear or see the [Word of God] preached, believed, confessed, and acted upon, do not doubt that the true ecclesia sancta catholica, a 'holy Christian people' must be there."

Martin Luther

Threats to the Church

Indifference

· False teaching/compromise

· Persecution/slander

Pride

Responding to Jesus' Lordship

HONOR His presence

• HOLD FAST to His Word/ commands



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