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Sermon Title: The Letter To Ephesus - Don't Abandon Your Love

Passage: Revelation 2:1-7

Revelation 2:1-5 (CSB)

¹“Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: Thus says the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

²I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars.

³I know that you have persevered and endured hardships for the sake of my name, and you have not grown weary.

⁴But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first.

⁵Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

What was their first love? (Three possibilities.)

1. Did they lose their love for Jesus?
2. Did they lose their love for non-Christians?
3. Did they lose their love for Christians?

Main Point: A loving church is made up of Christians who are growing in their love for Jesus and love for others.

A loveless church isn't a biblical church.

A loveless Christian isn't a biblical Christian.

Relevant Question: How can we be a loving church?

Mark 12:29-31 (CSB)

²⁹Jesus answered, “The most important is Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

³¹The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these.”

How To Increase Your Love For Others

1. Spend Time with Them
2. Get to Know Them
3. Pray for Them
4. Serve Them
5. Sacrifice for Them