

A Letter to the Church in Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

Three Commendations

1. They were fully engaged in doing the work of the ministry.

2. Their theological discernment and screening process was robust and uncompromising. (cf. Acts 20:28-31)

3. They were patient and persistent in the face of suffering and persecution.

One Concern

- Love for ministry, truth and holiness had replaced love for Jesus and others.

The Solution

- Remember – to bring to mind in order to act on it.
- Repent – to acknowledge as sin and turn away from it.
- Resume – to depend on the Spirit to love others.

Reminders

- a. The focus and affection of the church can all too easily shift from the Head of the church to the work of the church.

- a. We need to stop treating time with Jesus as something we do but instead as a time when we receive.