

Week 3 - Revelation - When a Church Loses Its Love for Jesus

The Church is Commended for its Purity:

- Jesus is pleased with our good deeds
- Jesus is pleased with our dedication
- Jesus is pleased with our sound doctrine

The Church is criticized for its passion:

- Jesus is honest with HIS people
- Jesus is jealous for HIS people

The Church is corrected with a plan:

- Remember from where you have fallen
- Repent of your sin
- Return to where you first fell in love

The Church is challenged with a promise:

- We can conquer with a promise
- We will celebrate in paradise

Revelations 2:1-7:

The Loveless Church

2 "To the ^[a]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: ² "I know your works, your labor, your ^[b]patience, and that you cannot ^[c]bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. ⁴ Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly

and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. ⁶ But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”