

The Church of Cold Love

Revelation 2:1-7

Series: What Type of Church Are We?



Introduction

- **The Author - The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, Jesus is sending the message**
- **The Recipients – The church at Ephesus – more particularly to the pastor**
- **Primarily forgot who to love**



Revelation 2:1-7 (NASB)

1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men,



Revelation 2:1-7 (NASB)

and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;

3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 'But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.



Revelation 2:1-7 (NASB)

5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.



Revelation 2:1-7 (NASB)

6 'Yet this you do 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 grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'



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1. What the Church Does Well

2 'I know your deeds ... that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles... 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.



1. What the Church Does Well

2 'I know your deeds ...

Before rebuking them for their failings, the Lord Jesus Christ commended the Ephesians for what they were doing right.

Perseverance translates *hupomonē*, which denotes patience in trying circumstances.

Evil men, false apostles and false teachings



2. What the Church Does Poorly

4 'But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

Though they were sound in their doctrine and they continued to serve Christ, their service had degenerated into mechanical Christianity.



3. How the Church Can Change

5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first;

Two actions

Remember

Repent



3. How the Church Can Change

A WARNING!!!!!!

5...or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.



How do we Love?

Jesus challenges the church in Ephesus to be a congregation of great love.

He challenges Us today to be a people of His Love.

