

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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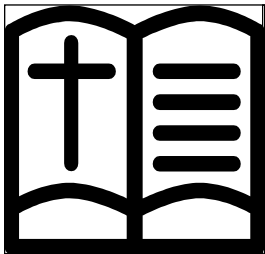
“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“JESUS SPEAKS TO CHURCHES”

REVELATION 2:1-7; ACTS 20:17-34

- I. HE WHO HOLDS THE SEVEN STARS IN HIS RIGHT HAND AND WALKS AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS***
- A. The book of Revelation, the Second Coming and the Exodus***
 - B. A brief history of the golden lampstand
Exo. 25:31-40; 37:17-24; 27:20-21; Zec 4***
 - C. Jesus, the great high priest caring for the lamps***
 - D. The Temple of God in heaven and its “shadow” on earth; The holy place, the holy of holies and the courtyard***
 - E. The stars in His right hand; stars also known as angels; Human or elohim (spirits)? Pastors or heavenly beings?***
- II. CARING FOR THE LAMPS***
- A. Structure secure; wicks free of obstruction and with burnable material; adequate oil supply***
 - B. He makes His examination***
 - C. The history of the church at Ephesus Acts 18, 19, 20***
 - 1. The spiritual condition of the area***
 - 2. The entrance of the gospel***
 - 3. The spiritual clash***
 - 4. Magic***
 - 5. The riot***
 - 6. Paul’s warning***
 - D. Commendation***
Works, labor, endurance with conditions, can’t



bear those who are evil, identifying those who are false teachers; enduring, bearing up, and working hard; hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans

E. Getting too good at doing right; losing sight of the purpose and becoming orthodox testing machines; Christian Pharisees; love of being right; love of proving others wrong; love of helping in your own name; love of sacrifice for assumed merit; love of hard work for the recognition of the ideal of hard work, yours or someone else's; over-engaging in commitments thought to be improvements for the sake of the cause; enduring suffering or pain for the nobility of it; busy at the wrong things

F. Losing the prime love. What is the prime love?

- 1. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength and being*
- 2. Love your neighbor as yourself*
- 3. Justice, mercy and faith Matt 23:23; Micah 6:8*
- 4. Abiding in Christ because He is Christ*

G. Restoring the lamp's light

- 1. Remember from where you have come*
- 2. Repent (change your mind and direction) simplify your life by cutting out what is not for Christ; prune unproductive activity; motive*
- 3. Do the basics, the first works*

H. The great danger of a removed lamp

It is a grand privilege, a heavenly honor, to bear the light of Christ and an equally grand shame to be removed by Christ from that honor.