

I. EPHESUS: LOVE

Revelation 2:1-7

I. Church: EPHESUS

II. Characteristics of Speaker (v1):

- A. Holds the 7 Stars (Pastors) in His right hand
- B. Walks among the 7 Golden Lampstands (churches)

III. Commendations & Encouragement

- A. _____ : v2
You work hard
- B. _____ : v2-3
Faithfulness under pressure: you do not give up
- C. _____ : v2, 6
Evil men, false apostles, Nicolaitans: you reject error

IV. Criticisms (v4): And yet...

You have forsaken your first love

Cf. Eph 6:24 35 years before

Effects:

- A. Diligence becomes _____
- B. Perseverance becomes _____
- C. Orthodoxy becomes _____

V. Counsel/Commands (v5)

A. **R** _____

- 1. 35 years ago (when you first became a Christian)
- 2. Your calling (Eph 4:1)

B. **R** _____

Confess your cold heart and seek Jesus in a fresh new relationship (cf. I John 4:10)

C. **R** _____

Your early zeal. The same work, but motivated by grace.

VI. Consequences (v5b, 7b)

- A. If NOT: will **remove** your Lampstand
Added word of encouragement in v6
- B. To Overcomers: the Tree of Life in Paradise, redeemed, restored, and—beyond our wildest imagination!

VII. Call to Heed (v7a)

So what happened to the Ephesian church?

The Lampstand was removed. Ephesus is now a ruin.

What will be the future of CPC?

How would you describe **your** love for Jesus this morning?