

Introduction and the author of Revelation

- I. The Message to the Church of Ephesus, Revelation 2:1-7
 - A. The recipient and the Judge (Rev. 1)
 1. To the Seven Churches
 2. Jesus Christ, the Righteous Judge
 - B. The Church of Ephesus: The Commendations (Rev. 2: 2, 3, 6,)
 1. I know your deeds: They were doing _____ (vs. 2)
 2. I know your toil/labor: They were _____ working
 3. I know your perseverance: They stood _____
 4. I know your intolerance: They were intolerant of evil _____
 5. I know your discernment: They tested those who called themselves apostles and found them to be _____
 6. I know your endurance: They did not grow _____ (vs.3)
 7. I know your hatred: They hated the _____ of the Nicolaitans (vs. 6)

C. The Condemnation (vs.4)

1. BUT I have this against you: _____

Ephesians 1:4

Ephesians 1:15

Ephesians 3:17, 19

Ephesians 4:1, 2

Ephesians 5:2

Ephesians 6:23, 24

The Shema: **Hear, Oh Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And your neighbor as yourself.** (Deut. 6:5, Lev. 19:18, Luke 10:28)

In Timothy 1:5, Paul wrote this to Timothy, who was in Ephesus, reminding him that the goal is _____

2. Therefore... three things need to be done (vs. 5)

a. Remember: See how far you have _____

b. Repent: _____ around

c. Return: Do the deeds you did at _____

D. The Consequence

The "Or else", a removal: God would _____ the usefulness of this local church

E. The Conclusion

1. Exhortation

a. Let him hear: Listen and _____ something about it!

b. You will overcome: So remain _____ in love

2. A reminder

Live with heaven in _____

Colossians 3:2, 14

Application:

R U living out your first love?

R U living in such a way that others want what you have?

R U hating sin, but forgot that you are to love the sinner?

R U hearing all this and willing to act on it?

R U ready for His return?

Read Revelation 2:8-11

- According to 2:8, who is doing the talking, who is the first and the last, the One who rose again?
- What is the one thing, (2:9) that Jesus knew about them? (there are more than one mentioned, but just write out one.)
- Chapter 2:10, What was going to happen to some, and what were they told not to do?
- Also, from chapter 2:10, What will the faithful receive?
- What is the promise in 2:11?