

Lesson 3 – Revelation 2:1-7
Ephesus: The Church without a _____ for God

1. The Introduction (v1):

- a. The addressee (v1a).
- b. The author's _____ over the addressee (v1b).
- c. The author's _____ of the addressee and his flock (v1c).

2. The Commendation (v2-3):

- a. Commended for their works/_____ (v2a).
- b. Commended for their _____ (v2b).
- c. Commended for their steadfastness/_____ (v3).

3. The Condemnation (v4-5): *All your efforts, doctrine, and steadfastness are useless unless they are wrapped in a fervent love for Christ.*

- a. Their Admonishment (v4):
 - 1) “thou hast left thy first love”.
 - 2) “left” = one of four Greek verbs meaning to _____ and “implies an intentional, not accidental, act” (Ryrie, p1921).
 - a) 30 to 40 years earlier this was not a problem – see Eph 1:15.
 - b) The bride has _____ or _____ herself from her Groom.
 - 1] She is no longer seeking to _____ her Husband, but rather to _____ herself.
 - 2] She is no longer _____ her will to His will.
 - 3] She is no longer _____ her love for Him by _____ the Great Commandants.
 - 4] She has abandoned the _____ she once had for her Groom.
 - c) What might be some of the reasons for why this has happened?
 - 1] Fear of _____.
 - 2] The _____ and _____ of everyday life.

3] The deceitfulness of _____.

b. Their Charge to Change (v5a):

1) _____ (Pres., Act., Imp.) therefore from whence thou art fallen.

2) _____ (Aor., Act., Imp.).

3) _____ (Aor., Act., Imp.) the first works (i.e. be a Great Commandment church!).

a) Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and mind = _____.

b) Love thy neighbor as thyself = _____, _____,
_____, and _____.

c) All that we do must be wrapped in a fervent love for Christ or else it is useless – 1 Cor 13:1-3.

d) What would a GCC look like?

1] One that reflects His _____ for the lost.

2] One that reflects His _____ for all peoples.

3] One in which their _____ speak at least as loud as their _____.

e) What would a GCC not look like?

1] One that is _____ focused - I.e., one in which the people are focused on _____ and not on _____. The opposite of love is _____.

2] One that is _____ and focused only on the _____ of the law.

3] One in which their _____ do not measure up to their _____.

c. Their Warning (v5b):

1) Without a fervent love for Christ you will _____ to be a NT church.

2) You may still appear to be a church, but He will have _____ Himself from you so your efforts will be in _____ (Ps 127:1).

3) The church in Ephesus ceased to exist sometime between the 6th and 14th centuries.

4. The Conclusion (v6-7):

a. A final word of encouragement to this local church (v6).

b. His marvelous promise to all true members of His church (i.e. the church universal) (v7).