

## Main Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2 “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

## Scripture References:

**I Corinthians 13:1-3** – If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**I John 4:16-19** – So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

**John 21:15-17** – When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

“But it is doubtless true, and evident from [the] Scriptures, that the essence of all true religion lies in holy love; and that in this divine affection, and an habitual disposition to it, and that light which is the foundation of it, and those things which are the fruits of it, consists the whole of religion.”

— Jonathan Edwards, [The Religious Affections](#)

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Seven Messages #2 – Revelation 2:1-7 – Ephesus: Spiritual Apathy

Question: *Have you ever received a message that proved to be untrustworthy?*

Revelation 2-3 Christ speaks to His church. We can trust the word/message of Christ:

Christ does not \_\_\_\_\_ 1:5 Jesus Christ is the faithful \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ sees the truth 1:14 His eyes were like...

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ our situation 2:1 He \_\_\_\_\_ among the 7 lampstands.

Revelation 2:1-7 Christ speaks to his church in Ephesus

2:1 Christ holds the stars in his \_\_\_\_\_ hand. *What is this saying?*

2:2-3 Five \_\_\_\_\_: Five things that the Ephesian believers are getting right:

One: Their \_\_\_\_\_

Two: Their \_\_\_\_\_

Three: Their Patient \_\_\_\_\_

Four: Teaching that has been \_\_\_\_\_

Five: Bearing His Name under \_\_\_\_\_

2:4 One major \_\_\_\_\_:

*What question does Jesus ask Peter 3 times in a row after the Resurrection?*

2:5 Two Imperative Commands: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

John in his letter tells us: We love because He...

*What might it mean for a church to have its lampstand removed?*

2:6 There is hope because the Ephesians have not given way to \_\_\_\_\_.

2:7 What promise is given for those who overcome and stay true?

Application: *Are you able to say you love Jesus as much as when you first trusted Him?*