

EPHESUS: THE CHURCH THAT LEFT ITS FIRST LOVE

(Revelation 2:1-7)

A. The Vision of the Glorified Christ (1:9-20)

B. The Church at Ephesus (2:1-7)

1. The predominate view among conservative Bible scholars is that the seven “*angelos*” (messengers) of these churches, were the _____ / _____ who were leading and teaching them. (2:1a)

2. The *city* of Ephesus was considered the greatest city of Asia Minor for _____, travel, and for _____ with its extravagant temple for Artemis. (2:1b)

3. The *Critic* of this church is none other than _____ who walks in the midst of all seven churches. (2:1c, cf. 1:13)

4. The Lord’s *commendation* was for ...
 - a. their _____ (v. 2a)
 - b. their _____ / _____ (v. 2b)
 - c. their _____ (v. 2c)
 - d. their _____ and willingness to _____ from liars (v. 2d)
 - e. their _____ and _____ (v. 3a)
 - f. their _____ for My _____ sake (v. 3b)
 - g. their _____ (v. 3c)
 - h. their _____ for the wicked _____ of the Nicolaitans (v. 6)

5. The Lord's **criticism** against this church was that they had _____ their _____ love, which is a reference to _____! (v. 4, cf., Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:23; 21:15-17; Eph. 6:24)

6. The Lord's **correction** was for them...

a. to _____, to reflect upon the sweet _____ they once enjoyed with Him. (v. 5a)

b. to _____, to change their minds quickly or the Lord would remove their lampstand. (v. 5b)

c. to _____ or revisit their first works, when they _____ themselves with the Lord Jesus, and they weren't too busy to participate in the relationship. (v. 5c)

7. The Lord's **closing encouragement** to the believer...

a. "He who has an ear, let him _____ what the _____ to the churches." (v. 7a)

b. He will give the opportunity to the _____ "to eat from the tree of life" in the future. (v. 7b)

* How can this personally apply to you?