



**SEVEN
LETTERS
TO THE CHURCH**

A Sermon Series

Revelation 2:1-7

“2 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.””

1) Jesus passionately cares for His church.

"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 .I know your works.'" s 1,2

2) Jesus commends His church.

"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. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary Vs 2,3

3) Jesus confronts His church

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. **vs 4**

“The Divine Lover still sorrows when his love is unrequited, and pines for our continuing, deepening, maturing adoration. Love, then is the first mark of a true and living church.. The Christian life is essentially a love relationship to Jesus Christ.”

John Stott

4) Jesus encourages and compels His church

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. Vs 5







