



Outline – Sunday Service April 05, 2020

Sermon Title: The Church at Ephesus, “Restoring the Abiding Principle”

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

1. **The Postcard of His Attributes for each Church** – v. 1
 - a. He holds the Teaching – Priest/Angel – Minister – v. 1b/Mal. 2:4-7/Jer. 3:15/
2 Sam. 14:27/Gal. 4:14/Ex. 23:20-21/Matt. 10:40
 - b. Diligently inspecting His Churches – v. 1c./Prov. 27:23/1 Peter 4:17/Ezek. 9:6

2. **A Nine-fold insight of Knowledge** – (I know) – v. 2/Rev. 1:14c
 - a. Their Work – Labor – *Patience* – v. 3/1 Thess. 1:3-4/Heb. 6:10-12
 - b. An intimate Shepherd – sheep Relationship – John 10:1-4
 - c. Their Discernment and detest of false teachers – Acts 20:28-31/Eph. 4:14

3. **Hating False Doctrine and False Teachers *is not Enough*** – v. 4/Ps. 97:10
 - a. The deficiency of hiding behind the *fig leaf of mere HATE* – Prov. 26:26
 - b. Paul knew the emptiness of *zealous hatred* – Acts 26:9-12/Gal. 5:20
 - c. Works Religion – Legalism – Popish Grace – a Lack of Functional/Effectual Grace –
Heb. 13:9

4. **The Integrity of a RADICAL LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY** – v. 5
 - a. A Commitment to the Relationship *speaks the truth in Love* – Eph. 4:15
 - b. A Commitment to the Relationship shows *the fault to them Alone* – Matt. 18:15
 - c. A Commitment to the Relationship of *the conditional nature of LOVE* – v. 5
 - d. A Church with NO LIGHT is DEAD – It has No witness – *The SPIRIT of LIFE is GONE* –
Ezek. 9:6; 10:12; 1 Peter 4:17

5. **CLEAVING TO CHRIST From the Heart is our FIRST PRIORITY** – vv. 6-7/Eph. 6:24
- a. It has to be a WORK of GRACE – Jer. 32:39-40/Zech. 4:6
 - b. It has to be a FRUIT of FAITH – Gal. 5:6b
 - c. It has to be CONTINUALLY poured into US – 1 Cor. 13:13/Rom. 5:5