

Restore Your First Love

Revelation 2:1-17

Key Verse: 2:4-5

1. Who wrote the Book of Revelation? (1:1) From where? (1:9) To whom was it written? (1:4,11,20)
2. Who is speaking to the angel (messenger) of the church in Ephesus? (2:1; 1:12-18) What would this description of Jesus mean to the suffering churches?
3. How did Jesus commend the Ephesian church? (2-3,6) What good things can we learn from this church? Why do we need these qualities especially during difficult times?
4. In spite of all their good qualities, what were they now lacking? (4) What do you think characterizes first love for Jesus and for neighbors? How do we first come to love Jesus and our neighbors? (1Jn4:9-10; 3:1a; Mk 12:29-31) Why must we not lose our first love for Jesus and for neighbors? (1Co13:1-3; Jn21:15a)
5. How can we restore our first love for Jesus and for neighbors? (5a; 1Ti1:13-15) If we do not repent, what warning is here? (5b) What glorious reward is given to those who hold on to their first love for Jesus and for neighbors? (7)
6. For the church in Smyrna, how is Jesus described? (8) How had this church suffered? (9) What direction did Jesus give them? (10) Why did not take away their suffering? What did he encourage them to do? What promise did he give? (10b-11)
7. For the church in Pergamum, how is Jesus described differently? (12) How is the spiritual environment in Pergamum described? (13-15) What should the church do? (15-16) What promise is given to those who overcome? (17)