

Sermon

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Remember your first love

Rev 2:1-7

Ephesus was known for its wide spread of sin and sexual immorality .But Christians were not engaged in worldliness (sexual immorality like others). Yet something was missing in their lives and Christian work.

V1- Jesus speaks to this church .V2-3, 6 – Jesus knows their good works.

- The church hadn't rejected teachings of Christ.
- They had the right doctrine.
- They didn't bear with evil.
- They tested their teachers to ensure that they taught the very words of God.
- They were patiently enduring (ref James 5:7-12)
- They held a feast to the faith and didn't give up on God amidst suffering.
- They hated false teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Qn. Wouldn't you appreciate such a church?

V4 –Abandoned the love

(1st love for God)

“But I have this against”.

Yet the 1st commandment (Matthew 22:37) love the Lord with all your heart...

Qn: Have we lost that?

Christ tells them in their good, they didn't have love for him.

NB: What we do for God is based on love not list.

People of Ephesus had lost the fire for the lord (cold love of God)

Their love couldn't match their actions.

NB: Our actions should be results of an overflow of God's love not mere duty.

Qn: Is our love for God growing weak?

V5 what to do

1. Remember: from where you have fallen i.e. where you are with your God, the zeal for him, Love for him at the beginning.

Qn: what has happened?

What has made you grow cold?

Your routine, technology etc. Remember Jer. 5:22-24

2. Repent.

Be sorrowful, repent and return to his first love.

Qn. Is God displeased with your current condition or depth of love?

Not repent → lamp stand removed.

NB: We are not his if we lose our love for him.

V7 – paradise

Eating of the tree of life

Only Jesus gives life external

Only Jesus connects us to the true fellowship with God .