



#SEVENCHURCHES

# THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION





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# LOST LOVE

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## Revelation 2:1-7

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:

<sup>2</sup> “I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. <sup>3</sup> You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.

<sup>4</sup> “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or



## Revelation 2:1-7

each other as you did at first! <sup>5</sup> Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. <sup>6</sup> But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do.

<sup>7</sup> "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.





*“Have I forsaken my love for  
Christ, or is it growing?”*





# COMMENDATION

## THE CHURCH WAS ACTIVE

Revelation 2:2

“I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people.”





# COMMENDATION

THEY HAD GOOD DOCTRINE

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# COMMENDATION

## THEY HAD GOOD DOCTRINE

Acts 20:29-31

I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. <sup>31</sup> Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you.







# COMMENDATION

HE COMMENDS THEIR ENDURANCE

Revelation 2:3

You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.





# CONDEMNATION

Revelation 2:4

“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!





# CONDEMNATION

Mark 12:30-31

And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’  
<sup>31</sup> The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”





*"Your ministry is thriving. Your beliefs are sound. Your commitment to hard work is exemplary. You are a serving, discerning, and persevering church. But you are no longer a Christ-centered church, and unless you re-center your ministry on me, the light will go out!"*





*It's possible to have everything  
but the main thing.*





# CORRECTION

## REMEMBER

Revelation 2:5

Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.





*Keep remembering what the Lord has done for you.*





# CORRECTION

## REPENT

Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.







*Jesus commanded them to remember and repent.*





# CORRECTION RETURN

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# CORRECTION RETURN

1 John 3:18

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.





# HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR

1 John 5:4-5

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5 And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.





# HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR

Revelation 2:7

“To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”





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