



Dear Church - A SERMON SERIES FROM REVELATION 2 & 3

Ephesus – The Forgetful Church

Read the Word

Revelation 1:9-20

Revelation 2:1-7

Study the Word

1. What do the Seven Stars and Seven Lampstands represent? Revelation 1:19-20
2. How does Jesus commend the church at Ephesus? And which commendation did you relate too?
3. Jesus issues a scathing rebuke in Revelation 2:4 *“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”* What does it mean to *“abandon your first love?”* How does abandonment of your love for Jesus happen?

NOTE: Apply abandoning your first love to marriage, parenting or other relationship.

4. List and define the four action steps in Revelation 2:5 that make it possible to restore your first love?
5. Discuss what causes a person to abandon their first love. Examples: You minimize sin in your life. You become critical of people and the church. Think through other examples causes people to abandon their first love.

Share the Word

1. How do you think Jesus would commend or compliment Antioch? Of the four

commendations, which one speaks to you personally, and or represents Antioch?

2. What causes a person to abandon their first love for Jesus? What actions steps do you need to take to avoid abandoning your first love?

3. Discuss the four action steps Jesus gives in Revelation 2:5 and the importance of implementing them in your life when you sense you are drifting from your first love.

4. What is the promise that Jesus give in Revelation 2:7 to the conquerers? A conquer is a believer in Jesus Christ [see I John 5:4-5.]

Pray the Word

1. Ask God to reveal potential blind spots to abandoning your first love.
2. Confess where you have allowed yourself to drift into complacency or compromise.
3. Repent [change of mind] to God about your failure to stay true to Jesus.
4. Claim God’s grace and continue to pursue your relationship with Jesus and others.