

## To the Church in Ephesus - Revelation 2:1-7

**Topics:** Accomplishments, Affections, Angels, Approval, Backslide, Commitment, Correction, Faithfulness, Love, Perseverance, Reconciliation, Repentance

### Open It

1. Why does love—even the most fervent and committed love—sometimes grow cold over time?
2. What are some mementos or heirlooms you are especially attached to?
- \* 3. What is something you remember loving dearly as a child that you eventually outgrew?

### Explore It

4. Who was addressing John with this message? (2:1)
5. What church was the subject of this letter from Jesus? (2:1)
6. How did the speaker in this passage identify Himself? (2:1)
- \* 7. Jesus praised the church at Ephesus for what deeds? (2:2-3)
8. What did Christ say about the Ephesian church's "staying power"? (2:3)
9. With what in the Ephesian church was Christ unsatisfied? (2:4)
10. What did Christ command the church at Ephesus to remember? (2:5)
- \* 11. How did the church at Ephesus need to change? (2:5)
12. What warning was given to the church if it failed to obey Christ's words? (2:5)
- \* 13. What did the church at Ephesus have in its favor? (2:6)
14. Whom else did Jesus want to benefit from this message? (2:7)
15. What final promise was made to "him who overcomes"? (2:7)

### Get It

16. If Jesus were to write a letter to your church, what do you think He'd say?
17. If Jesus were to write you a personal letter, for what would He commend you, and in what ways would He correct you?
18. What do your actions say about who or what is most important in your life?
19. What do you think Christ meant when He said, "You have forsaken your first love"?
20. What does it mean to repent?
21. What about our faith are we prone to "outgrow"?
22. At what time in your life did you feel closest to God or the most dedicated to God?
23. How would you assess the health of your relationship with Christ right now?
- \* 24. What can cause us to lose our love for God?
- \* 25. How can we keep our commitment to Christ from waning over time?
26. Besides knowing all the right answers and doing all the right activities, what do we need for spiritual vitality?

### Apply It

27. In what concrete ways can you show today that Jesus Christ is your first love?
- \* 28. What is one step you can take this week to build the quality of perseverance in your faith?
29. What can you do or say to encourage a Christian friend to remain loyal to Christ?