

Questions: The Church - What Would Jesus Say? Revelation 2:1-7

Question: Do you love me?

I. To and From (vs. 1)

A. To: the church in Ephesus (the angel of)

B. From: Jesus - the one who walks among the lampstands

II. Words of Commendation (vs. 2-3,6)

- A. Hard Working
- B. Intolerant of false teachers

III. Words of Condemnation (vs. 4)

~ "You have forsaken your first love"

IV. The Solution (vs. 5a)

- A. Remember
- B. Repent
- C. Return

V. The Warning and Promise (vs. 5b & 7)

- A. Warning: I will take your lampstand away
- B. Promise: You will eat from the tree of life

Point to Ponder: What would you say if Jesus asked: "Do you love me?" Do you remember when the mere mention of his name would cause our heart to sing? The call of our Savior is to return to the gospel message which captured our heart in the first place.

Disclaimer: Too often studies of Revelation among believers become mired in simply defending our own interpretive framework. We use words like "preterist, futurist, historicist, and idealist." We pile on prefaces (pre, post, and a) to define our view on the millennium. I have my own view on these subjects, yet I will strive to preach this series from the book of Revelation with no agenda to convince you of my view. While the careful listener may be able to guess my viewpoint, my hope in this study is to proclaim truths that all who love the scriptures can affirm.