

STUDY OF REVELATION

B. THE MESSAGE TO EPHESUS: (2:1-7)

Introduction: Jesus' first message is to Ephesus, a regular church, faithful to Christ and to the Word of God, but, it was a church without love.

1. The recipients (v1).
2. The speaker (v1).
3. The commendation (v2,3).
4. The complaint (v4).
5. The counsel (v5).
6. The warning (v5,6).
7. The promise (v7).

1. THE RECIPIENTS (v1)

- a. The ~~minister~~ of the church.
- b. The Ephesian church.

2. THE SPEAKER (v1)

- a. Jesus holds the pastors of the churches in His hands.
- b. Jesus walks in the midst of the churches.

3. THE COMMENDATION (v2,3)

- a. The church worked and laboured for Christ (Mt. 25:35,36; 5:16; 1 Tim. 6:18; Heb. 13:16).
- b. The church patiently endured (1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 10:36; Jam. 1:12; 5:7).
- c. The church refused to allow those who were evil (2 Cor 6:17-18; 2 Cor 7:1; Eph. 5:11; 2 Thess 3:6).
- d. The church tested and rejected false leaders (1 Jn. 4:1-3; 1 Jn 2:22-23; Mt. 7:15-20).
- e. The church stood up under trials (Mt. 10:22, 39; 19:29; 2 Cor. 12:10).

4. THE COMPLAINT (v4)

- a. The church had lost its feelings for Christ (Mt. 24:12; Jn 14:23).
- b. The church had lost its love for people (Jn 13:34,35; 15:12; 1 Cor. 1:10; 3:3).

5. THE COUNSEL (v5)
 - a. Remember - from where you have fallen.
 - b. Repent - turn away from what has pulled you away (Mt. 3:2; 5:4; Acts 8:22; 2 Chron. 7:14).
 - c. Return - to your original works (Prov. 3:6; 2 Tim 2:19: #:16).
6. THE WARNING (5,6)
 - a. Christ will separate Himself from the church (Mt. 5:17; Rom 8:3).
 - b. More is required than being doctrinally right (Rom. 12:1,2; 1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20).
7. THE PROMISE TO THE OVERCOMERS (7)
 - a. They shall eat of the Tree of Life (Gen 2:9; 3:22; Rev. 22:2).
 - b. They shall be citizens of Heaven (Lk. 23:43; 2 Cor 12:4).