

## **Revelation Bible Study — Revelation 2:1-7**

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Recap from last time
- B. The Church that Left its First Love — **Revelation 2:1-7**
  - 1. Jesus introduces Himself to Ephesus — **Revelation 2:1**
  - 2. Jesus commends Ephesus — **Revelation 2:2-3**
  - 3. Jesus diagnoses Ephesus — **Revelation 2:4**
  - 4. Jesus rebukes Ephesus — **Revelation 2:5-6**
  - 5. Jesus' promise to the overcomer — **Revelation 2:7**

### **II. The Church that Left its First Love — Revelation 2:1-7**

- A. Jesus introduces Himself to Ephesus — **Revelation 2:1**
  - 1. “The seven stars in His right hand”
  - 2. “Who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands
- B. Jesus commends Ephesus — **Revelation 2:2-3**
  - 1. “I know your works”
    - a) Their “labor & patience”
    - b) Their discernment
    - c) Their perseverance
  - 2. The Ephesian church was an undaunted champion of orthodoxy, tirelessly laboring for the truth of the gospel
- C. Jesus diagnoses Ephesus — **Revelation 2:4**
  - 1. The Ephesian's *fatal flaw* — They **left** their first love
  - 2. This is the biggest danger for churches that are strong with doctrinal purity
- D. Jesus rebukes Ephesus — **Revelation 2:5-6**
  - 1. Remember
  - 2. Repent
  - 3. The “Nicolaitans”
- E. Jesus' promise to the overcomer — **Revelation 2:7**
  - 1. “He who has an ear, let him hear”
  - 2. “To the one who overcomes”

### **III. Questions**