

Ephesus – Loyal Yet Loveless

Revelation 2:1-7

Introduction: This letter to the Church of Ephesus is addressed to a church that both Paul and John once pastored.

A. Christ's Appearance to the Church

Christ is pictured as holding 7 stars and walking in the midst of 7 candlesticks.

B. Characteristics of the City

Ephesus means *desirable*. The historical city was located on an unsettled, ever-sifting harbor.

C. Characteristics of the Church

The church has left its first love! This church compares both with the Fall of Man and the rejection of the Messiah in Israel's history. Prophetically this church represents the Apostolic Church from 33 AD to 100 AD.

D. Compliment to the Church

Christ states that this church is one of zeal, patience, and intolerance to anything false.

E. Complaint to the Church

Christ points to the fact that the church had left its first love. Although they hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans, they had allowed them to remain in their midst.

F. Counsel to the Church

Christ counsels the church to remember its foundation and repent!

G. Covenant with the Church

Christ promises to give a tree of life to all who will hear and heed the voice of the Spirit of God.



Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God – Romans 10:17