

15. If Jesus were to write a letter to ABC, what sort of things might He commend us for? Rebuke us for? Why?

Reflection Questions: Do I toil for Christ? What is my motivation for doing so? How is my love for Him at this moment? Am I demonstrating love for Jesus? If so, how? What can I do to increase my love for Him? How will this show? How can I cultivate more love for Jesus at ABC?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

There are working Christians who do not approach to laboring; yet a lifetime of such work as theirs would not exhaust a butterfly. Now, when a man works for Christ he should work with all His might.

A church has no reason for being a church when she has no love within her heart, or when that love grows cold. Lose love, lose all.

Charles Spurgeon

A house that has become lifeless is not as tragic as a church that has become loveless.

Charles Swindoll

The fundamental problem in the evangelical world today is that God rests too inconsequentially upon the church. His truth is too distant, His grace is too ordinary, His judgment is too benign, His gospel is too easy, and His Christ is too common.

David F. Wells

Genuine Christianity, vital Christianity, real Christianity, though it includes doctrinal elements and moral elements and all the rest, also includes an element of delight in the living God, love for Him.

D.A. Carson

Biblical Christianity is being an assembly where the Word of God jumps out of the pulpit and starts running around the church, transforming lives.

Ligon Duncan

Right belief without right practice results in false religion.

Grant R. Osborne

Christ is more concerned about what we do with Him than what we do for Him. Labor is no substitute for love.

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Revelation 2:1-7

Sermon
Notes

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1. The Charge (1)
2. The City (1)
3. The Church (1)
4. The Correspondent (1)
5. The Commendation (2-3, 6)
 - A. Their Deeds
 - B. Their Discernment
6. The Condemnation (4)
7. The Counsel (5)
 - A. Remember
 - B. Repent
 - C. Resume
8. The Challenge (7)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What kind of church was the church at Ephesus (*Revelation 2:1-7*)?

3. How does Jesus describe Himself in *Revelation 2:1* (cf. *Revelation 1:12-16*)? What is significant about this?

4. Describe the deeds of the Ephesian church (*Revelation 2:2-3, 6*).

5. What did the church at Ephesus do with false teachers (*Revelation 2:2, 6*)? How are we to identify false teachers?

6. What is the reason for serving God (*Revelation 2:3*)? What does this mean?

7. According to the following verses, how important is hard work for Christian living?

Acts 20:35 —

1 Thessalonians 1:3 —

1 Corinthians 15:58 —

1 Timothy 4:10 —

Colossians 1:28-29 —

Hebrews 6:10 —

8. If we find our work for our Lord becoming a duty and drudgery, what must we do?

9. What did Jesus condemn the Ephesian church for (*Revelation 2:4*)? What does this mean?

Why or how would a church do this?

10. According to the following verses, how was the Ephesians' love at one time?

Ephesians 1:15 —

Ephesians 3:17-19 —

Ephesians 6:23-24 —

11. What do these verses say about our love for the Lord?

Matthew 22:36-38 —

2 Corinthians 5:14 —

John 8:42 —

1 John 4:19-5:3 —

John 13:34-35 —

2 John 6 —

John 14:21-24 —

12. What does Jesus tell the Ephesian Christians to do (*Revelation 2:5*)? Explain what this means.

13. What will happen to the loveless church (*Revelation 2:5*)? What happened to the Ephesian church?

14. Who are those who overcome (*Revelation 2:7*)? What will Jesus grant them? What does this mean?