

Remembering Our First Love

Church #1

- I. The destination of the letter (_____) (Rev. 2:1)
- II. Christ's acknowledgement of the _____ of the Ephesians (Rev. 2:2-3; 6)
(Six accomplishments)
 - A. They work _____
 - B. They _____
 - C. They were unwilling to _____ wicked people
 - D. They _____ false teachers (Rev. 2:6)
 - E. They _____ hardships
 - F. They remained _____ to God's work
 - G. You get to the end of the list and you think this is a great church, but they had the wrong _____
- III. The rebuke of Ephesus (You have _____ your first _____) (Rev. 2:4)
 - A. Biblical examples of betraying our first love
 - B. Our first love (_____)
 - C. Most of the Christians in Ephesus are second generation Christians
 - 1. They follow the tradition, doctrine, and did the work
 - 2. They lacked _____ love of God.
- IV. The challenge to the Ephesians (Rev 2:5)
 - A. _____ and to return to your first love
 - B. Change your _____ toward God and His work
 - C. **Warning** - If you don't repent and change your attitude, Christ will _____ you as His representatives
- V. Christ's promise to those who love God first (Rev. 2:7)
 - A. You will eat from the tree of life (you will never _____)
 - B. Live in the paradise of God (you will spend _____ in heaven)
- VI. Why should God be our first love?
(There are many reasons but here are four to think about)
 - A. He _____ us (Gen 2:7)

- B. He sent His son and made himself _____
(Rev. 2:7)
- C. He _____ us no matter what happens (Rom. 8:35-39)
- D. He provided a way of _____ (John 3:16; 14:6)

Questions to Ponder

- I. Do we give the _____ of a healthy church?
- II. Are we as members going through the _____?
- III. Are we _____ to serve out of love? (I John 4:11-12)
- IV. Is God your _____?