

Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: Ephesus: Strong... but Missing the Main Thing Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7 Ray Vartanian

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INTRODUCTION

Note: On the Lord's Day, John was filled with the Spirit and the glorified Christ revealed Himself to John and him to write of the things that
Revelation 1:19
Note: The first act of business is addressing the condition of the
Revelation 1:11
I. The of Ephesus
Revelation 2:1b -
II. The in Ephesus
Revelation 2:1a -
Acts 18-20
III. The to Ephesus
Revelation 2:1c -
IV. The Lord's to Ephesus
Revelation 2:2-3; 6 -
Jesus begins by acknowledging the Ephesian believer's work and (v.2a)
2. The Ephesians believers through trying times. (v. 2a)
Another praiseworthy aspect of the Ephesian believers was they did not .

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Matt. 18:15; Eph. 4:27

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	the Nicolaitans.
į	5. Lastly Jesus adds a final commendation that the Ephesian believers
	Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 John 7;10
4	4. The Ephesian believers possessed spiritual

Revelation 2:4 -

Despite its outwardly praiseworthy elements, the Lord Jesus Christ had spotted a_____in the heart of the Ephesian church.

Eph. 1:15; 3:17-19; 6:23

VI. The Lord's _____ to Ephesus

Revelation 2:5 -

- 1. Remember from where they had fallen.
- 2. Repent in a deliberate rejection of their sins.
- 3. Restore the deeds they did at first.

VII. The Lord's _____ to Ephesus

Revelation 2:7 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- 1. What does Jesus commend of the Ephesian church?
- 2. What is the diagnosis that Jesus has for the Ephesian church and what is the solution for them?
- 3. What dangers are there in possessing everything, BUT not having the main thing (love for Christ)?
- 4. What did your original love for Christ look like? Go back and remember.
- 5. Compare/contrast that original love for Christ with your current relationship with Christ. What observations would you make? Are there places where you have taken a wrong turn or have things in the wrong order? What do you need to do to return to the nature of those original works that flowed from your first connection with Christ and love for Christ?