

Our First Love
Discipleship For Today, Part 2

Revelation 2: 1-7
January 17, 2010

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The church ...

... **is at** the center of Jesus' heart

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... **is** anything but perfect

"Yet I hold this against you ..." (vs. 4)

... **exists to** shine for Jesus

"If you do not repent I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place" (vs. 5)

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"I know your deeds" (vs. 2)

... **was** sacrificially involved

"I know your ... hard work" (vs. 2)

... **was** enduring of hardship

"I know your ... perseverance." (vs. 2)

... **was** orthodox in faith and practice

"I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false." (vs. 2)

... **had** forsaken their first love

"You have forsaken your first love" (vs. 4)

Jesus calls the church to ...

... **to** remember their passion for Jesus

"Remember the height from which you have fallen!" (vs. 5)

... **to** repent of their leaving of Jesus

"Repent ..." (vs. 5)

... **to** return to doing what helps in loving Jesus

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