

## **Remember, Repent & Redo!**

Rev. 2:1-7 (ESV)

1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2 "'I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

4 But I have this against you, that you have ABANDONED THE LOVE YOU HAD AT FIRST.

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

*First... He knew their works, this was a dynamic, active church!*

The Greek word "ergon", from which we get energy, is used for "works".

*Second... This is what most would call a dedicated church!*

*Third... This was a determined church!*

*Fourth... They were commended for being a disciplined church!*

*Fifth... Christ commended them for being a discerning church!*

Rev. 2:4 - "But I have this against you, that you have ABANDONED THE LOVE YOU HAD AT FIRST.

### **I. Remember from where you have fallen!**

2 Pet 1:13 – I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,

(KJV) - "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;"

"diegeiro" (di-eg-ei-ro) = to agitate, to arouse, to awaken or stir.

Luke 15:17 - "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!"

## **II. Repent for your calloused heart!**

1 Cor. 13:1-3

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I GAIN NOTHING.

## **III. Redo the works you did at first!**

*1. There is an emphasis on being filled with the Spirit!*

In Acts 19:1-7 We see the story of John's disciples at Ephesus.

Eph. 5:18 - Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit

"be filled" = "continually filled" with the Spirit.

*2. There is an emphasis on the Kingdom of God!*

Acts 19:8 -And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Matt 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matt 6:31-32

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

*3. There is an emphasis on divine intervention in the life of the church!*

Acts 19:11-12

11 God did extraordinary miracles through Paul,  
12 so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

*4. There is an emphasis placed on fearing the Lord and honoring Him!*

Acts 19:17 - When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.

Ps. 96:4 - For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Rev. 2:5b - If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Rev. 2:7 - He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS I WILL GRANT TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE, which is in the paradise (garden) of God.'**