

Revelation 2:1-7

"The Church at Ephesus: 'More Love to Thee, O Christ'"

Introduction: A “John 21, charcoal-fire” kind of passage

- **The Apostle Peter after his three denials of Christ:** no doubt felt like it was all over for him as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
- **The charcoal fire on the shoreline:** had to bring back haunting memories of Peter's three denials that he even knew Jesus.
- **Jesus' repeated question to Peter:** “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”
- **The Ephesians' love for Jesus:** not what it ought to be.

We must recognize that a churches _____ to _____ in several different areas is no substitute for her _____ for the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- **The address to “the angel at the church in Ephesus”:** another reminder from *Revelation* that things are not as they seem
- **The fact that Jesus walks among the seven golden lampstands:** a reminder that He walks among His churches and knows the condition of those churches

- **The city of Ephesus:** wonderfully blessed by God with an abundance of gospel ministry
- **The temple of Artemis in Ephesus:** home to all kinds of idolatrous and sinful practices
- **The church's faithfulness in doing good works:** a faithfulness to what the Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:10.
- **The church's intolerance of false apostles and false teaching:** a faithfulness to what the Apostle Paul told the elders in Acts chapter 20.
- **The Wonderful Counselor's wonderful counsel:** remember, repent, and redo the things you did at first.
- **Personal Application:**

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