



Revelation Lesson 4

The Church at Ephesus

Revelation 2:1 "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;"

1. Jesus identifies himself as the one who holds the seven stars in his _____ hand and as the one who _____ in the midst of the seven golden _____.



Revelation 2:2 "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."

2. Does Jesus know their works? _____

Fill in the blanks:

"I know thy works, and thy _____, and thy _____, and how thou canst _____ bear them which are evil: and thou hast _____, them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast _____, and hast _____, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."

Revelation 2:

“4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.”

3. Does Jesus have anything against this church? _____

4. The problem with this church was _____. (Choose one of the following)

A. They did not have any patience.

B. They compromised.

C. They left their first love.

Revelation 2:5 “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

5. This church was to _____, and do the _____ works.

6. Jesus will remove their _____ out of his place, except they repent.

They would lose their witness.

Revelation 2:6 “But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

7. Did this church approve of the deeds of the Nicolaitans? _____

Encyclopedia of The Bible – Nicolaitans

“They were a people who used Christian liberty as an occasion for the flesh, against such Paul warned ([Gal 5:13](#)). The enticement to such a course of action was the pagan society in which Christians lived where eating meat offered to idols was common. Sex relations outside marriage were completely acceptable in such a society. The Nicolaitans attempted to establish a compromise with the pagan society of the Graeco-Roman world that surrounded them. The people most susceptible to such teaching were, no doubt, the upper classes who stood to lose the most by a separation from the culture to which they had belonged before conversion.”

Revelation 2:7 “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

This statement means _____ (Choose one of the following)

A. This letter is only for the members of that church.

B. This letter is for anyone who will hear.

9. Who will get to eat of the tree of life? _____

2 Timothy 3:4 "Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"

10. Do we have any churches today that have left their first love _____?