

Seven (Ephesus)
Revelation 2:1-7
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1. Ephesus was:

- a. It was the 4th largest city in the Roman Empire –
_____.
- b. A religious center.
- c. The worship of the _____
dominated the city with the Temple of Artemis
being the center of activity.
- d. Ephesus was the guardian for the worship of
_____.

2. These are the words of the One who walks among the
_____. (Rev 2:1-3) The lampstands represent the
_____.

3. Jesus says I know _____. (Heb 4:13)

- a. I know _____. (Psalm 139:1-4)
- b. I know your _____, _____ and
_____. (Rev 2:2-3)

c. I know that you cannot _____.
(Acts 20:29-31)

d. I know that you have _____ those who claim
to be _____ but are not.

e. I know that you have endured hardship for my name
and have _____.

4. I hold this against you. (Rev 2:4)

a. You have _____ the love that you had at
first.

5. What was this love that they had abandoned?

a. A love for _____?

b. A love for one another?

(Eph 1:15-16, 1 John 4:19-21, John 13:34-35)

c. A love for those _____.

6. When love for God wanes.

a. Our love for Him and His work becomes
_____.

b. Our love for one another becomes _____
rather than an _____ out of love for Christ.

7. Godly warning: *(Rev 2:5)*

- a. _____ the height from which you have fallen.
- b. _____-stop what you are doing and return to what you first did.
- c. _____ - Ask God to change your heart towards Him, those within the church and those outside of the church. *(Rev 2:6)*

8. Let him who has ears let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches - _____ is _____. *(Rev 2:7)*

Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Read Revelation 2:1-3. Discuss all the positives Jesus had to say about the church at Ephesus. Would He be able to say the same things about our Christian life?
2. Read Revelation 2:4-7. Discuss the ways the church at Ephesus has fallen short. Read Acts 19:17-20 and Eph 1:15. What did the church do at the beginning that Jesus was calling them back to?
3. How do we keep the passion and enthusiasm alive in our lives for following Jesus?
4. In what ways can the monotony/busyness of life drain our passion for Jesus?
5. For personal reflection- If Jesus were to write you a letter telling you to turn back to the way you started, what would be in that letter?