

Jesus’ message to these seven churches includes commendation and correction - two sides of the same coin: **LOVE**.

Jesus’ expectation – that His church would read, hear, and then appropriately respond to what’s been revealed, then & now.

1. **Jesus’ has an _____ relationship with His Church.**

(1) To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him **who holds** the seven stars in his right hand and **walks among** the seven golden lampstands:



2. **Jesus’ provides an accurate _____ of this church, both commendation & correction.**

Jesus’ commendation:

I know your **deeds**, your **hard work** and your **perseverance**. 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. ³ You have **persevered** and have **endured hardships** for my name, and have **not grown weary**. ⁶ But you have this in your favor: **You hate** the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. (Revelation 2:2-3, 6)

Jesus’ correction:

(4) Yet I hold **this** against you: You have **forsaken your first love**.

3. **Jesus’ provides a _____ for their spiritual drift.**

(5) **Remember** the height from which you have fallen! **Repent** and **do** the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

This can become good news if they...

- R _____
- R _____
- R _____

This is only bad news if they do not repent, then...

- Their _____ will be removed.

4. **Jesus’ provides _____ to the church who embraces His assessment and cure, both then and now.**

(7) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes**, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

What has Jesus revealed to you/us this morning?

Next Week: **“Overcoming Spiritual Warfare”** (Rev. 2:8-11)