Do You Remember
Your First Love?

Revelation 2:1-7
Introduction

What Do The Churches Represent?

View #1 – Periods of church history

View #2 – Different churches today
Our Study
Revelation 2:1-7

v. 1 Address

v. 1 Speaker

v. 2-3, 6 Hidden Knowledge

v. 4-5 Problem & Cure

v. 7 Encouragement
“Angel”

... word refers to the lead elder of the church
The Address
Verse 1a

“The Vanity of the Ancient World”

“Light of Asia”
Quasdassi Harbor
The Agora – Business Center
Ruins - Temple To Hadrian
Ruins - Temple to Artemis
"One holds the seven stars and walks among . . .”

. . . refers to Jesus Christ

. . . Revelation 1:12-13, 16
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:2

“\textit{I know . . .}”

\ldots \textit{Greek word οἰδα = “complete knowledge”}

\ldots \textit{reminder that God knows your heart and deeds}

\ldots \textit{we cannot escape}
Jesus reveals 9 things about them . . .

1. Deeds
2. Toil
3. Perseverance
4. Did not tolerate evil people
5. Tested people claiming to be apostles
6. Persevered for Jesus
7. Endured for Jesus
8. Did not grow weary
9. Hated deeds of the Nicolaitans
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:2-3, 6

Summary . . .

They worked hard for Jesus . . .
• Preserve holiness
• Maintain doctrinal purity
• To serve God

But something was missing . . .
The Problem & Cure
Rev. 2:4-5

They left their first love . . .

αφιημι = “to depart, set aside, leave behind”

. . . They worked hard but are rebuked for not loving Jesus as they should have.
The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

They worked hard . . .

Romans 12:1 – was true of them
The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

They needed to be like David . . .

“I love you, O Lord”

Psalms 18:1
The Problem & Cure

Rev. 2:4-5

If you think you love Jesus, check out what He expects from you versus what you actually do . . .
The Problem & Cure
Rev. 2:4-5

The Cure . . .

1. Remember . . . how you once loved Jesus

2. Repent . . . desire to change

3. Do the deeds . . . you once did
The Encouragement
Rev. 2:7

Overcomers:

Eat of the . . .

Tree of Life . . .

in Paradise of God
Conclusion

Priority Is Loving Jesus

... Your commitment is the proof