

Ephesians: Paul's Closing Remarks

Ephesians 6:23-24 (NIV)

²³ Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Grace to all who **love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.**

Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV)

¹"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:....²I 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.

³You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

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

⁵Remember 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.

A Church's Undying Love for Christ is Its Success

The Seven Churches of Revelation

1. The churches in Revelation represent a _____ type or _____ of church.

The Church at Ephesus

2. Ephesus was a church that _____ hard for _____.

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3. Ephesus was a church that _____.

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²I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance.

4. Ephesus was a church that could not _____ false _____.

Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV)

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.

5. Ephesus was a church that did not grow _____ during _____.

Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV) You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

The Problem With the Church at Ephesus

6. They _____ their first _____:
- a. They loved their _____, Services, and _____ more than _____.
 - b. They loved their _____, blessings, and _____ more than _____.
 - c. They loved their _____, food, and _____ more than _____.

A Church's Consequences of Forsaking Their First Love

7. Christ will _____ their _____.
- a. Remove them from being a _____ of the _____.
 - b. Remove them from being Christ's _____ to the _____.
 - c. Remove them from being a _____ to the _____.
 - d. Remove them from being a _____ church.
8. We must make sure that it is the _____ of Christ that _____ us.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.