

*“Forsaking Our First Love” – Revelation Part 3
Revelation 2:1-7 (The Letter to Ephesus)*

In his letter to the church of Ephesus, Jesus ...

Applauds their ACTIONS (v. 2)

Commends their PERSEVERANCE (v. 2, 3)

Affirms their INTEGRITY OF FAITH (v. 2, 6)

But ...

They were so busy with the WORK OF THE LORD that they forgot how to WALK WITH THE LORD (v. 4)

If they choose not to return to their FIRST LOVE FULLY, so that they can reflect his LIGHT FAITHFULLY, Jesus will remove their CHURCH (v. 5)

How does forsaking our First Love happen?

RELIGION replaces Relationship.

COMPLACENCY replaces Passion.

When our LOVE disappears, our LIGHT disappears as well (v. 5)

What do we do?

- 1. REMEMBER how far you have fallen.*
- 2. REPENT*
- 3. RETURN (Do the things you did at first)*

As those who BELONG and ABIDE in him, we will share in His VICTORY (v. 7)

