

Re 2:1-7  
Word to the Church in Ephesus  
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## I. Review-

*Application Points from last Study...*

1. Let Jesus' power over death, give you great \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let Jesus' message of peace, \_\_\_\_\_ you in the midst of your troubles
3. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus motivate your testimony
4. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus motivate every area of your worship

## II. The letters in general...

1. Each letter is a \_\_\_\_\_ word from \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1) through the Spirit (2/7), who is inspiring John (1:10).
2. Each letter follows a similar pattern, balancing praise and reproof:
  - a. To the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in a given city, write:
  - b. Jesus depicted in \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (often in terms describing his power & glory from Re 1:13-18) says:
  - c. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_: (in most instances offers some praise)
  - d. But I have this \_\_\_\_\_ you: (offers some reproof, where applicable)
  - e. The one who has ears must \_\_\_\_\_/take to heart (obedience) what the Spirit says:
  - f. An Eschatological \_\_\_\_\_ (Eschatological: the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind)

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**III. (Pray, Read, Observations, Unpack & Apply)**

- 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 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.
- 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.
- 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.
- 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- 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.

*Initial Observations?*

vs 1 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:

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vv 2-3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Mt 5:16

I Pe 2:12

Acts 20:35

Heb 10:36

Acts 20:29-31

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Mt 11:28-30

vs 4 About \_\_\_\_\_

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Mt 22:37-39

I Jn 4:19-21

Eph 1:15

Col 1:4

II Thess 1:3

vv 5-6 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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vs 7a Take it to \_\_\_\_\_

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vs 7b The \_\_\_\_\_

7b To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Mt 16:18

Jn 16:33

I Jn 5:4-5

Re 17:14

Ge 3:22

Re 22:1-2

Re 21:7

*As we land....*

I Thess 1:2-3

#### IV. Points of Application...

1. Gain encouragement that Jesus knows all your \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ shown to him, and determine to \_\_\_\_\_ in those actions and love
2. \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ teachers
3. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
4. Be especially aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ specific to our \_\_\_\_\_....even our own city
5. Address any \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_