

The Letter to the Church at Ephesus, part 2
Revelation 2:1-7

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| A. The Head of the church in Ephesus | Rev. 2:1-2a |
| 1. The Head of the church and His leaders | Rev. 2:1a |
| 2. The head of the church and His people | Rev. 2:1b |
| 3. The head of the church and His awareness | Rev. 2:2a |
| B. His commendation to the church at Ephesus | Rev. 2:2-3, 6 |

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| C. His condemnation of the church at Ephesus | Rev. 2:4 |
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1. What is abandonment (forsaking) of first love?
 - a) Backslider defined

b) Old Testament examples

Jeremiah 2:1-8; Ezekiel 16:8-15; Hosea 1:2-3

2. Signs of backsliding

- Loss of thirst and hunger for the Lord Jesus
Matthew 5:6
- Loss of appetite for the Word of God
1 Peter 2:1-3; Job 23:12
- Loss of spiritual enjoyment of the Lord and His truth
Psalm 63:1-4
- Loss of relational prayer to encounter the Lord
John 14:21-23; Revelation 3:20; Jeremiah 29:11-14
- Loss of love for other Christians
1 John 3:16-18
- Loss of burden for the unsaved
Romans 10:1-4; Matthew 9:36

3. What are the causes of abandonment of first love?

Revelation 2:4

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| a) Spiritual neglect | Proverbs 24:30-32 |
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- Word
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Obedience

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| b) Desensitized toward sin | Matthew 24:12 |
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| c) Worldliness | 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim. 4:9-11, 3:1-5 |
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