

The Letter to the Church at Ephesus, part 5
Revelation 2:1-7

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- A. The Head of the church in Ephesus Rev. 2:1-2a
- B. His commendation to the church at Ephesus Rev. 2:2-3, 6
- C. His condemnation of the church at Ephesus Rev. 2:4

- 1. Loss of first love is backsliding.
- 2. Signs of backsliding
 - Loss of thirst and hunger for the Lord Jesus
 - Loss of appetite for the Word of God
 - Loss of spiritual enjoyment of the Lord and His truth
 - Loss of relational prayer to encounter the Lord
 - Loss of love for other Christians
 - Loss of burden for the unsaved
- 3. What are the causes of abandonment of first love?

- Revelation 2:4
- a) Spiritual neglect
 - Proverbs 24:30-32; Proverbs 19:24
- b) Hardened toward sin
 - Matthew 24:12
- c) Worldliness
 - 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 4:9-11; James 4:4

- D. His commands to the church at Ephesus Rev. 2:5
- 1. Remember – Look to the past
 - Revelation 2:5; Luke 15:17-18; 2 Peter 1:12-13; Luke 10:27

- 2. Repent – Change the present
 - Revelation 2:5; 1 John 1:6, 9; 1 John 2:6
- 3. Repeat – Do again the first works
 - Revelation 2:5; 1 Thess. 1:3; 1 Thess. 3:6, 11-12; 1 Thess. 4:9-10