Seven Churches Of Asia Series:

Ephesus: The Loveless Church
Rev. 2:1-7

Introduction:

A. Ephesus:
   1. Commercial center in southern Asia Minor.
B. Let us notice the various parts of this letter:

Discussion:

II. The Description of Christ In This Letter (vv. 1,2)
A. Holds the seven stars in his right hand. (Cf. Rev. 1:20).
   1. Church to shine as lights. (Phil. 2:15).
   2. Christians are light of the world. (Matt. 5:14)
C. “I know” - Knows all. (John 2:24,25; Heb. 4:13).

III. The Condition Of The Church At Ephesus.
A. Her good points:
   1. Works and labor. (cf. Phil. 2:12; Jas. 2:14-16).
   2. Patience or steadfastness. (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13)
   3. Could not bear those who are evil. (2 Thess. 3:6; 1 Cor. 5:6,11; Matt. 18:17).
   4. Tried those who said they were apostles - shows doctrine important. (1 Tim. 4:16; Matt. 15:9).
   5. Hated the deeds of the Nicoliations - deeds not the people. (Psa. 119:104)
B. He bad point:
   1. Left her first love - can be doctrinally sound but still lack love.
   2. We must love. (Matt. 22:37; 1 Cor. 13:1-3).

IV. The Advice To The Church At Ephesus.
A. Remember. . .: Need to remember some things and forget some things. (Phil. 3:13; Heb. 10:32-39).
B. Repent. (Acts 8:32)
C. Do first works. (Reformation needed).
D. Or would have candlestick removed - lose it’s identity.
E. Overcome and eat of tree of life. (Cf. Gen. 2:24)
   1. First time tree of life mentioned since Eden.
   3. So much to overcome before reaching it.

Conclusion:

1. Let us not forget to love while we are fighting evil.
2. Let us realize that our candlestick can be removed.
3. Let us strive to gain access to the tree of life.