

An Epistle to  
Ephesus...and to  
Us

Revelation  
2:1-7

# THE AUTHOR: JESUS

- He holds the seven stars in His right hand – 2:1; 1:16; Col. 1:16
- He walks among the seven golden lampstands – 2:1
  - Golden – precious, valuable, holy
  - Possibly connected to the golden lampstand in the temple – Mt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:8-9
  - Jesus the King chooses to stay close to His people, seeing the good/bad

# JESUS KNOWS THE GOOD

- Jesus knows their deeds, toil, and perseverance – 2:2; Mt. 10:42; Heb. 10:32-35
- He knows their enduring stand for the truth – 2:2-3.
  - He knows they demand truth, correct doctrine – 1 Jn. 4:1
  - He knows they have persevered for His name and have not grown weary

# THIS IS A CHURCH...

- That is working and active in Christ's service
- That is standing strong in the truth with determination
- That is morally pure, that does not tolerate sinful people and actions – 1 Cor. 5:1-2; 2:6
- Doing all these things despite facing suffering and trials
- We would likely want to be a member of

# JESUS KNOWS THE BAD

- They had left their first love – 2:4
  - Getting the “to do list” right
  - Missing the love – Mt. 22:37-39; 1 Tim. 1:3-5; 1 Jn. 4:19-21
- We cannot let our relationship with God become a “to do list.”
  - Approaching God this way is below what we accept.
  - We must ask ourselves if we truly love the Lord – Gen. 39:8-9

## Revelation 2:5, 7

### Solution, Consequence, and Reward

- Solution? – 2:5
  - **Remember**—from where you have fallen – Jer. 5:22-24
  - **Repent**—change your mind
  - **Return**—do the deeds you did at first
- Consequence? – Lampstand is removed
- Reward? – Overcomers will eat from the tree of life in Paradise of God – 2:7 Js. 1:23-25