

REVELATION SERIES • PART 2

He Walks Along The Lampstands

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REVELATION 1:13

“And in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.”

REVELATION 2:4–5

“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.”

KEY TEACHING POINTS

1**Jesus Walks Among His Church****REVELATION 1:13 • 2:1**

Jesus is not a distant observer of His church — He walks in the midst of the lampstands. He sees every service, every ministry, every heart in the room. Nothing done in His house escapes His attention, and nothing done in love escapes His notice either.

2**A Hardworking, Discerning Church****REVELATION 2:2–3**

Jesus commends Ephesus for its toil, patience, and refusal to tolerate false teachers. They tested those who called themselves apostles and found them false. Discernment and endurance are real fruit — and Jesus takes notice of faithful labor.

3**Right Doctrine Without Balance Falls Short****1 JOHN 4:1 • ACTS 17:11**

Testing what is false is biblical, but a church can grow so focused on identifying what is wrong that it forgets to pursue what is right. Discernment was never meant to replace love — it was meant to protect it.

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The Warning: A Love Grown Cold

REVELATION 2:4 · MATTHEW 24:12

"I have this against you — you have abandoned the love you had at first." Cold love rarely happens overnight; it happens slowly, through routine, distraction, and a faith that becomes duty instead of delight.

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Repentance Is a Daily Redirection

REVELATION 2:5

Repentance is not a one-time altar moment — it's a daily returning to Jesus. "Remember, repent, and do the works you did at first" is a call to redirect, again and again, back to our first love.

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Love Proves Discipleship

JOHN 13:35

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We are called to hate sin — but never to stop loving people. The world will know Jesus by how His church loves, not only by what it believes.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where has my love for Jesus grown routine, distracted, or cold?
- What are the "first works" the Lord is calling me to return to?
- Am I quick to test what's wrong, but slow to pursue what's right?
- What is one area of my life I need to repent of and redirect today?
- How can I hate sin without ever giving up on loving people?

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first."

REVELATION 2:5