

Revelation 2:1-7

“I’m part of a magnificent project to build the world’s most beautiful cathedral to the glory of God.”

I. Christ’s Commission 1

Ephesus was in Asia Minor (Turkey).

Utterly pagan, a leading city, a gateway

Population was 250k – 500k, Olympics

Artemis Temple 425ft long, 220ft wide

Heraclitus, Ephesus today, 40 years

II. Christ’s Commendation 2-3, 6

Mature believers would have joined, Jesus knows toil, spectators?, perseverance, Acts 19, the church was making a difference

This church did not tolerate evil men and falsehood, It was a well taught church, pastors were vigilant, they would not compromise, a perfect church?

III. Christ’s Condemnation 4-5

They had left their first love.....

Upward Love

Inward Love

Outward Love

So zealous in doctrine.....but lacking in love, so busy but so empty..

IV. Christ’s Confrontation 5

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V. Christ’s Challenge 7

We conquer by persevering to the _____ in faith, in godliness, truth and fervent love.

Every day sinners have sought to either find or make their own paradise....how about you?

By the way, if you’re doing that you will fail.