

July 6, 2014

Letters To Churches

(Then & Now)

The Church of Loveless Orthodoxy - Revelation 2:1-7

But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Revelation 2:4, 5 (NRSV)

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (NRSV)

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Spend a few minutes sharing the insights you gained over the past few days from your daily devotional readings (using the daily study guide you received). How have these insights enhanced your understanding of Revelation 2:1-7?
2. Based on today's message, how is the Ephesians' expertise in identifying false apostles related to their sin of abandoning the love they had at first? What does the first part have to do with the second?
3. In your opinion, who are the people whom we Christians tend to act unlovingly toward most often? Why do you think we treat these people the way we do?
4. Based on today's message, we may need to go out of our way to demonstrate a loving attitude toward the people we identified in question #3. What are some specific ways we can do this? Give several examples, and afterward, pray and ask God to grant you a willing, loving heart to do each of these things.