

Have You Forgotten Something?

- Revelation 2:1-7 -

- A. Does Christianity today look like Jesus? A survey revealed last fall indicates more Americans are more skeptical and resistant to Christianity.
- B. 16% ages 16 – 29 of “believers” have a "good impression" of Christianity - 3% among “non-believers”
- C. 33% say Christianity is old-fashioned and out of touch with reality... 23% of non-Christians say "Christianity in today's society no longer looks like Jesus."
- D. Are we like the church at Ephesus – leaving the love we believed, confessed, adored, revered, and obeyed?

1. _____ ?

- A. **Rev 2:4** says the reason for Ephesus was “*thou hast left thy first love*”.
- B. The reason is assured the same today. The only other love you have is Satan. He takes you away either by sin or a weight (a seemingly good thing) and uses it to control your life.
- C. Consider the exhortation of **Hebrews 12:1,2**...
- D. “*hear what the Spirit saith*”. (**Revelation 2:11**)...

2. **What It’s Like Being a** _____ of the _____

- A. Listen to **Ezek 33:30-33**... How close do you want to get to Christ and Christianity? Are you afraid you will catch maturity, patience, love, spiritual zeal, or service?
- B. A _____ worship of _____ religion with a _____ faith involves dealing with God (**Heb 4:12**)
- C. If we come within his range, God will transform us...
- D. Avoid looking at religion as “interesting”, “entertaining”, or “enjoyable” experience, but rather life changing..

3. _____ **to** _____ ?

- A. **Luke 9:57-62** describes commitment and its greatest obstacles
- B. The way is difficulty (**Matt 7:13,14**). Satan is always ready to put something in the way of the direction we want to go..
- C. Joshua knew the choice to make and he made it (**Josh 24:15**)..
- D. Commitment looks like **1 Thess 1:2-10** and **2 Cor 5:14-15**...
- E. Could we be the next “*valley of dry bones*” (**Ezekiel 37:1-14**)