



★ PRIORITY MAIL ★

WEEK 1 | EPHESUS | REVELATION 2:1-7

Inspection – “What does it say?”

Who is it that holds the seven stars in hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands? (verse 1)

For what does the Lord commend those in the Ephesian church? (verses 2-3)

What had the church at Ephesus lost? (verse 4)

What three things must precede restored relationship with the Lord? (verse 5)

What warning does the Lord give in verse 5?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

What is our first love to be?

How has being busy in the work of the church become a poor substitute for being pleasing to God?

How do we test those who say they are messengers of Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to have your lampstand removed?

What is the tree of life and the paradise of God?

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Consider falling in love with Jesus again and again.

Spend time daily listening to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to you in the Word of God.

Make a deep dive into the history of the “Nicolaitans” mentioned in verse 6.

Work on separating the sin from the sinner as the Ephesians hated the “practice” of the Nicolaitans.

Read Paul’s letter, Ephesians, written to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

1 John 4:19

Psalms 36:7

1 John 3:1

Romans 5:5

Galatians 2:20

Deuteronomy 7:9

Ephesians 2:4-5

Isaiah 54:10

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

We must not be surprised if we are in for a rough time. When a man turns to Christ and seems to be getting on well (in the sense that some of his bad habits are now corrected), he often feels that it would be natural if things went smoothly.

When troubles come along—illnesses, money troubles, new kinds of temptation—he is disappointed. These things, he feels, might have been necessary to rouse him and make him repent in his bad, old days; but why now?

Because God is forcing him on, or up, to a higher level: putting him into situations where he will have to be very much braver; or more patient, or more loving, than he ever dreamed of being before.

It seems to us all unnecessary: but that is because we have not yet had the slightest notion of the tremendous thing, He means to make of us....The command, “Be ye perfect” is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command...He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though of course on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful, but that is what we are in for. Nothing less. He means what He said.

There must be a real giving up of the self...Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death to your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end: submit with every fiber of your being and you will find eternal life.

Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay.

But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

C.S. Lewis - (1898-1963)