

# Omega: Revelation 2:1-7

## The Church of Ephesus

What Jesus finds valuable: Revelation 2:2-3 Acts 20:28-31

**Works** - Works done in His name for Him

- What is the motive behind your works?

**Toil**- The Grind and Discipline

- Have you ever had to work to meet a goal over an extended period of time?
- How did you discipline yourself to meet that goal?

**Patient Endurance**- Focused on the finish line and not giving up

- What are some reasons why we quit?
- This church saw what God values and didn't quit pressing into that. Does our focus on the goal help us endure to the end? Why or why not?
- Do you want to remain faithful to the Lord through hard times? Don't quit!!

**Sensitive to Sin and False doctrine**- Responsible to truth and holiness and rejecting sin

- What do you do when you hear something that challenges your faith?
- Do we rely on others to protect us or do we seek to protect ourselves?

What Jesus doesn't find valuable: Revelation 2:4 Ephesians 1:15-16 1Corinthians 13:1-3

**You abandoned the love you had at first-**

- Have you abandoned your love for the Lord?
- We know love is more than a feeling it is an action, so why are these works above not enough?
- Their affection had cooled and they had lost focus on loving the Lord. 1Corinthians 13:3 explains this well.

How should we respond:

**Remember**- Remember when you started drifting from the Lord. Pray about it, recognize who you are, who He is.

**Repent**- Turn from where you are going and go back to where you fell.

**Redo-** Do those things that you did when your love was on fire for the Lord.

- Is this you, do you need to take action now to return to your first love?

Pray for those who respond