

# God's Message for Today's Church

## A Ten Part Series from: The Book of Revelation!

### Part 4. A Message to the Church in Ephesus - Chapter 2:1-7

(Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 with Gympie Baptist Church)

When is a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_?

**1) Thus says** \_\_\_\_\_

What does this tell us about the message?

#### 2) 2 Encouragements

**A: Their D** \_\_\_\_\_

See also Ephesians 2:8-10, 1 Corinthians 15:58

What does this message to them tell us about Jesus' priorities for us?

**B: Their T** \_\_\_\_\_

See also Acts 20:28-31, Acts 17:11, John 8:31-32

What does this message to them tell us about Jesus' priorities for us?

**3) A Grave Rebuke – they have abandoned L** \_\_\_\_\_

See also 1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 22:34-40, 1 John 2:3-11, 3:10-19, 4:7-5:4

What did Jesus want them to do in response (see also Acts 19, Ephesians 1:15, Colossians 2:6)?

What does this message to them tell us about Jesus' priorities for us?

**4) To the one who conquers** \_\_\_\_\_

See also Genesis 1-2, Revelation 21-22

# Keeping it Real by Going Deeper – This Week.

***What STOOD OUT to you?***

***What PUZZLES you?*** (With this particular question if you have something that you would like raise or ask one of the pastors/elders please do so. If you do, we may even be able to address these questions in up and coming messages. I am sure others would appreciate any questions that you have raised that we might be able to answer and weave into our messages for the benefit of others as well).

***What do we LEARN about God and his people?***

***How might this APPLY?***

1. How can we imitate the Ephesian church in the things they did that Jesus praised them for?
  - a. What would our church look like if we were committed to following Jesus? What can we do personally to make our church more like that?
  
  - b. How can we imitate them in their commitment to theological truth? What would our church look like if we were committed to knowing the truth? What can we do personally to make our church more like that?
  
2. How can we avoid losing our love, or rekindle love we have lost?
  
3. What would our church look like if we were full of Christ-like love? What can we do personally to make the church more like that?
  
4. What difference should the vision of 2:7 and 22:1-5 make to the way we live our lives day by day?

***What will you TALK to God or others about?***

How can you build up and encourage a brother or sister this week to

(1) keep following Jesus, (2) seek to know him more, and (3) grow in love for God and others?