

Scripture: Exodus 20 & Revelation 2
Singing: 265:1-3 – 325:1 – 123:1-3 – 309:1-2 – 275:1-4

Ponder: Is your vision about church in line with the Owner's vision? (Rev. 2-3)

A. Jesus does not give us an option: Rev. 2:5, 16, 3:2-3

B. Jesus addressed "the angel" (2:1) and through him the church (1:11)

C. All 7 letters spell out Jesus vision of His Church waiting for His return

1. Each church is to contain all seven aspects to be a 'healthy church'

2. All seven have 1 chorus

3. All churches as a whole and full members individually need to reflect

a. Are we on the same page as Jesus wants us to be?

b. What is our mission to carry out His vision?

c. Are you a committed member to carry out His vision?

I. Focus on Loving Him through and above all things (Rev. 2:1-7)

A. The Ephesian church looked faithful: vs. 2-3

B. Yet Jesus detected a serious rot under the surface: vs. 4

C. Who/what is your first love?

D. Jesus commands 3 things if Ephesus is to survive as church (vs. 5)

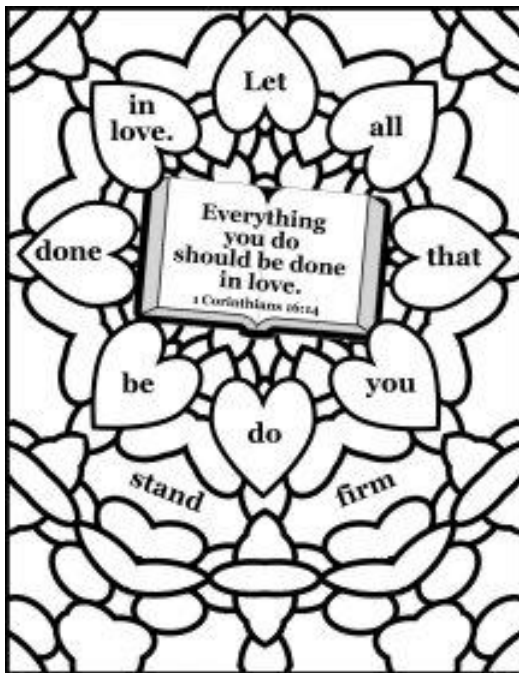
1. Remember (mind)

2. Repent (heart)

3. Return - do (will)

E. Jesus encourages with His promise: vs. 7

Watchword # 1: *Let Love to Me be Living and Doing*



As you wait ...

1. What Bible book will we read?

2. What does God tell "He is ..."

a. John 4:24: _____

b. 1 John 1:5: _____

c. 1 John 4:8: _____

3. Read the words in the picture.

Can you think of *what you can do* to show your love to others around you?

As you listen ...

4. How do we know what is important to Jesus in His Church?

5. How many churches did Jesus write to in Rev. 2-3? _____ Can you list at least 3 of the churches? _____

6. All letters have one 'thread' that runs through all. Circle the word which is the thread? *patience – joy – faithfulness – fear – humbleness – thankfulness*

7. What did the church in Ephesus do right? Circle the right answers.

Feed the poor – Right teaching – Good leaders – Patience – No time for evil

8. What was the bad thing Jesus points out in their church?

9. What three things did Jesus command? (Clue: all start with an 'r').

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

10. Finish Jesus' first vision goal: *Let* _____ *to Me be* _____ *and* _____

11. What will you do to seek that your church will be like Jesus commands?