

## REVELATION 2; December 28; Do We Still Have “First Love?”

### ANALYSIS:

1. Which four churches is this second chapter of Revelation addressed to? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which of the four churches only received commendations and no rebukes from the Lord Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the faithful martyr of the church of Pergamos? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the wicked prophetess at Thyatira who was leading astray the servants of Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What heretical doctrine of the first century was mentioned in letters to two different churches? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Lord Jesus Christ had great commendation for the church of Ephesus. He praised them for their works, their labour, their patience, their hatred of evil doers, their exposure of false apostles, their endurance, their perseverance, and their hatred for the Nicolaitanes. But despite the extensive commendations, the Lord Jesus Christ had a very serious problem with the church of Ephesus that he was exhorting them to repent of or he would judge their church severely. They had left their first love. They had fallen into the habit of doing everything right except they no longer had the passionate love and heartfelt zeal for the Lord Jesus Christ. He admonished them to repent and to do the first works in love and zeal for his name that they had been known for at the beginning.

At the end of each of the letters to the four churches, the Lord Jesus Christ admonishes each one of those who reads the letters to the churches to pay careful attention to what the spirit is saying to the churches. The admonitions and exhortations to the churches are points that each of us can learn from and be convicted by. Have we left our first love? Do we still burn with the same fervent passion and love for the Lord Jesus Christ that we did in the first days of our conversion? If not, we must repent and do the first works or the Lord Jesus Christ will chasten us severely.

### HELP:

1. The churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, and Thyatira (vs 1,8,12,18).
2. The church of Smyrna received only commendations (vs 8-11).
3. Antipas (v 13).
4. Jezebel (v 20).
5. The doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (v 6 to Ephesus as commendation; v 15 to Pergamos as rebuke).