

# “What Does Jesus Want to Say to Our Church? Ephesus: The Loveless Church”

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*Revelation 2:1-7*

**BIG IDEA:** What happens when love goes cold?

*“You have abandoned the love you had at first.”*

*Revelation 2:4 (CSB)*

## **The Commission.** (v1a)

## **The Character.** (v1b)

- Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church.
- Jesus Christ is present among His Church.

## **The Commendation.** (v2-3)

- They were diligent.
- They were intolerant.
- They were patient.

## **The Condemnation.** (v4)

- No love for God.
- No love for each other.
- No love for the lost.

## **The Command.** (v5)

- Remember.
- Repent.
- Return.

## **The Call.** (v7a)

- A letter to one church.
- A message for all.

## **The Challenge.** (v7b)

- Be a faithful Overcomer.
- Come back to the Source of Life.
- Live with our eternal destiny in view.

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**Read:** Revelation 2:1-7

**Think:** Reflect on Jesus' message to this church, and then ask yourself the following questions: *Do you remember your first kiss? What do you know about the church at Ephesus (see Acts 18:18-19:41)? What good things characterize this church? How might its strengths have contributed to its failures? What do you think their Sunday morning worship was like? What did ministry look like through the week there? What is repentance? Why is that necessary for the Ephesian Christ-followers?*

**Do:** Of the positive qualities mentioned about this group, which best describes you? Our church? Why? In what ways have you lost your first love for God & the Lord Jesus Christ? What has helped you keep that love alive?