

Introduction:

Text: Revelation 1:17-2:7

A. Christ's POSITION in the Church (vv. 1:20; 2:1)

1. Christ's headship of the church

2. Christ's presence in the church

B. Christ's PERCEPTION of the Church (vv. 2-4, 6)

1. Christ praises the church

2. Christ rebukes the church

C. Christ's PROMPTING to the Church (v. 5)

1. Remember

2. Repent

3. Do the things you did at first

4. Christ's threat to the church

D. Christ's PROMISE to the Church (v. 7)

1. The Spirit conveys Christ's promise to the church

2. Christ specifies the overcomers

3. Feast in Paradise

Conclusion:

Read: Revelation 1:20-2:7; Matthew 24:12-14

1. What do the "seven stars" and "seven lampstands" stand for (Rev. 1:20)?
2. How is Christ introduced in Revelation 2:1?
3. What does Christ know about the Ephesian Church that are commendable (2:2-3, 6)? What do you think Christ knows about our church?
4. What does Christ hold against the Ephesian Church (2:4)?
5. What is the "first love" forsaken by the Ephesian Church (2:4)?
6. What is Christ's command and threat to the Ephesian Church (2:5)?
7. What is Christ's reward for overcoming the sin of forsaking our "first love" for God (2:7)?
8. What is Christ's warning and promise in Matthew 24:12-14 that applies to us today?

PRAY!