

APOCALYPSE NOW IV

May 18, 2025

READ: Revelation 2:1-7

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What does the opening affirmation—that which Jesus Christ knows about them—say about the church in Ephesus (v. 2a)?

2. How are their deeds, toil & perseverance demonstrated (vv. 2b-3, 6)? What does this also say about this church?

3. The one issue, in an otherwise gleaming resume, is cited in v. 4. What is the problem? (What does it look like?) Why is this so serious?

4. Identify the twofold response for reclaiming their *first love* (v. 5a).

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(2)

What are they to remember? How will this help?

What does this repentance look like?

5. What is the consequence if they do not rekindle their *first love* (v. 5b)? What will this look like?

What can they expect if they do heed the warning (v. 7)?

6. Think about this in personal terms. Are you hearing what the Spirit says to the churches? How is your *first love* status? Do you value most what matters most? (What do your actions or inactions really say?) How are you at keeping the main thing the main thing? Are you more concerned about preserving the church than advancing the church (kingdom)?

What will it look like for you to “remember . . . and repent . . .”?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will remember my *first love* this week by . . .

I will turn back (repent) and “do the first works” (KJV) this week by . . .

I will prepare myself this week to hear what the Spirit says by . . .