

Not What, but Why
Revelation 2:1-7
The Problem with Church, 2
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We must see our lives in context of the person of Jesus.

verse 1

We belong to Christ.

He is always present among us.

Christ commends their ...

verse 2-3, 6

great energy in working for the kingdom.

significant discernment in both moral and doctrinal issues.

continuing enthusiasm in the midst of persecution.

Christ cautions that our love for Him can slowly erode.

verse 4

How do we know?

Christ counsels them to ...

verse 5

consider what life was like without Christ.

change the way that they think about Christ.

cherish the reality of Christ's love for you.

Christ confirms that experiencing eternal life is only found in loving Him.

verse 7

Quotes:

"We [can] lose a healthy perspective on ourselves. Our wants, our needs become more and more important in our thinking. Instead of concerning ourselves with what pleases God, we think only about pleasing ourselves." Ray Steadman, *God's Final Word: Understanding Revelation*

"Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take a seal it, seal it for Thy courts above." Robert Robinson, *Come Thou Fount*