

A Warning Re: Cold Christianity

Revelation 2:1-7

(series #5)

Introduction: The beginning of the Ephesian Church

- Acts 19:8-10, 20:20,27,31-32, 19:20

- I. The introduction to the letter v. 1**
 - A. "To the messenger of the church..."
 - B. From Him who holds the seven stars
 - C. From Him who walks in the midst of His churches

- II. The commendation from the Lord vv. 2-3**
 - A. They were active in service
 - B. They were marked by perseverance
 - C. They were willing to discipline sin
 - D. They were skilled in discernment
 - E. They were characterized by consistency

- III. The disapproval of the Lord v. 4**
 - A. They loved their purity more than their Christ
 - B. They loved their service more than their Christ

- IV. The correction given v. 5**
 - A. Remember
 - B. Repent
 - C. Repeat

- V. The commendation added v. 6**

- They hated the wicked deeds of the Nicolaitans

- VI. The incentive announced v. 7**
 - A. He who has an ear, let him hear
 - B. Overcomers are promised heaven (1 John 5:5)