

A Warning Regarding Cold Christianity

Revelation 2:1-7

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)