

DO YOU REALLY LOVE THE WORD OF GOD THE WAY YOU SHOULD?

Revelations 2:1-5

1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, **because thou hast left thy first love.**

5 **Remember** therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent**, and **do** the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, **except thou repent.**

Verse 4 denotes that the church of Ephesus left a person (Love = Agape = Jesus = The Word)

In Verse 5, Jesus tells them to remember the place that they were at before they fell,

Then repent for ever getting in that condition,

And finally, go back and start over.

Verse 5 in Basic English Version

5 So **keep in mind** where you were at first, and **be changed in heart** and **do** the first works; or I will come to you, and will take away your light from its place, **if your hearts are not changed.**

The Ephesian Church Was Characterized By The Fervent Love They Had For One Another

Ephesians 1:15 - Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, **and love unto all the saints,**

The love they had for the brethren stemmed from the love they had for Christ who is the Word.

Ephesians 6:24 - Grace be with all them **that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.** Amen.

According to history the love they had, started fading in the span of 10 to 30 years after Paul had visited them

Their love and zeal for the Word started fading. WHO IS THE WORD?

THE WAY YOU LOVE AND TREAT YOUR WIFE IS THE WAY YOU LOVE AND TREAT GOD

THE WAY YOU TREAT AND LOVE GOD AND HIS WORD IS THE WAY YOU WILL TREAT AND LOVE GOD'S PEOPLE

CAB 03 - Ephesian - "3 - The Ephesian Church Age"

A few moments ago I mentioned that John understood what it was to love God. That great apostle of love would certainly see it when the church began to lose that first love of God. In I John 5:3, he says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments (His Word)." **One little deviation from that Word was a step away from Christ.**

People say they love God, they go to church, they even shout and rejoice and sing and have a great emotional time. But when it is all over, watch and see if they are in that WORD, walking in it, living in it. If they go through all the other and then don't walk in that Word, they can say they love God but their lives tell another story. I wonder if John didn't see a lot of that before he died; people saying they loved God but not obeying His Word.

QUESTION

HOW DO YOU LOVE THE WORD OF GOD?

Agapē

Strong's Definition

From G25; love that is affection or benevolence; specifically (plural) a love feast: - (feast of) charity ([-ably]) dear love.

Thayer's Definition

affection, good will, love, benevolence, brotherly love
love feasts

Love Feasts

A love feast or agape feast was a fellowship meal eaten by Christians in the early church. There is biblical evidence for the practice of these communal meals, during which Christians gathered not just for the sake of sustenance and socializing, but for the sake of fellowship.

OR

Phileo

to love

to approve of

to like

sanction

to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, befriend

to show signs of love

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71 Now in the modern day, it would be, "Oh, every Wednesday night, prayer meeting! Every Sunday morning, back to the church! What do we hear? The same thing; the preacher stand up and preach; songs; go on back." See, then you're just going as a line of duty. You're not a worshipper. A worshipper goes there to worship, to express himself before his God, **to praise God for His goodness; to every Word, he hangs onto it.**

72 Just like a love affair. If you was going with a girl because you knew it was a duty, or you going with a boy, when you were young. "Mama wants me to go with this guy, but I just can't stand him." You don't get nothing of him coming to see you. Or, if it's the same way about the girl to the boy, or boy to the girl. You go with her, she bores you; mama wants you to go with her because she is the type of girl that mama likes. See, it bores you; no love affair. But you don't care, you don't want to clean up, you don't want to go see her. And it's a... Why, it's a horrible thing. And when he is coming to see you, my, you just wish he would hurry on, go home.

73 **That's the same way it is when you, "Why does he preach so long? What about all this stuff, and everything?" See, you're not in love.**

74 **But when you really hang on to every Word,** as the Spirit gave you warning this morning, see, "Hanging on to every Word." That might be what He has been talking to you about. Holding on! It's Eternal Life, every Word of God. It's a joy to go to church, **under any circumstance.** Whether it's hot, cold, indifferent, whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they are doing, it's still a joy to hear the Word of the Lord. **Then you're in love then with Christ,** see, you love to go to church.

75 “Well, honey, here it’s Sunday morning again, I guess we have to wash up the young’ns and get down there. My, it’s boresome!” **See, you’re not in love.**

76 **But if you are really in love**, you just can’t wait till Sunday morning comes, you’ve just got to get down there with them. And we get, and to leave... The people of God, they don’t bore you. Why, they are—they are brothers and sisters.

WHEN A KING SITTETH UPON THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM (WE ARE KINGS AND PRIESTS)

Deutoronomy 17:18-20

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, **that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book** out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

19 And it shall be with him, and **he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:**

20 **That his heart be not lifted up** above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

DAVID THE KING’S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WORD

Psalms 1:1-2

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But **his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

Psalms 19:7-11

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 **More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**

11 Moreover **by them** is thy servant warned: and in **keeping of them** there is great reward.

Charles Spurgeon Said:

“If God shall give you a promise, you will taste it, like a wafer of honey, and feed on it. And if He shall give you a precept, you will not stop to look at it, and say, “Lord, I don’t like this as well as the promise,” but you will receive that and feed upon that also! And when the Lord shall be pleased afterwards to give you some revelation with regard to your inward experience, or to your fellowship with His dear Son, you welcome it with joy because you love any Truth and every Truth as long as you know it to be the Truth of God’s own Word!

It is a blessed sign of Grace in the heart when God’s Words are sweet to us as a whole—when we love the Truth of God, not cast into a system or a shape, but as we find it in God’s Word.”

Psalm 119:9-16

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O **let me not wander from thy commandments.**

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, **as much as in all riches.**

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: **I will not forget thy word.**

5 TIPS TO FALLING IN LOVE WITH GOD'S WORD STARTING TODAY!!!!

Read Your Bible Every Day

2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Meditate On What You Have Read

Joshua 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Ask The Holy Spirit To Teach You What He Wants You To Learn (Revelation)

John 14:26 - But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Pray The Scriptures

Psalm 119:13 - With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

Thank The Lord For His Words

2 Peter 1:4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Mary Sitting At The Feet Of Jesus