



FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON: Sunday, October 31, 2021

TITLE: A Letter to a Distracted Church

PASSAGE: Revelation 2:1-7

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

1. The title of this sermon is “*A Letter to a Distracted Church.*” Can you think of a time or situation where you were distracted? What distracted you? Did you remain distracted? How long did it take to no longer be distracted?
2. Read Revelation 2:2-4.
 - a. What are your “works” (where are you serving)?
 - b. Do you find joy in serving or would you describe it as a burden?
 - c. Do you “patiently endure” when life is difficult, or do you try to escape? What are the things that you use to distract yourself instead of patiently enduring hardship?
3. Read Revelation 2:2-3, John 8:14, John 10:14-15, John 10:27.
 - a. List what Jesus knows from these verses?
 - b. Do you believe that Jesus knows you this way?
 - c. He knows what you have done, what you are doing, where you have been, where you are going. Does this bring you “comfort” or does it bring “conviction”?
4. Read Ephesians 3:14-20. Paul is writing to the Ephesian church and is praying for their spiritual strength.
 - a. What will happen with the Ephesians when they are strengthened?
 - b. What are they to be “rooted and grounded” in?
 - c. What will they “know”?
5. Read Revelation 2:4. What did the church in Ephesus abandon? Could this also be true for you?
 - a. List the “5 signs that we’ve left our first love” that were mentioned in the sermon.
 - b. Which one do you relate with the most? Why?
6. In Revelation 2:5 Jesus gives 3 commands and 1 consequence.
 - a. What are the 3 commands?
 - i. Where have you fallen from? How did God rescue you from your fallen condition?
 - ii. How long does it take for you to repent when you turn away from God?
 - iii. What are some of the things that you did when you were first saved?
 - iv. How can you return to doing those things?
 - b. What is the consequence if they don’t follow the 3 commands?
7. Read Genesis 2:8-9.
 - a. Who planted the garden?
 - b. According to Revelation 2:7 who gives permission to eat of the tree in this garden?
 - i. Do you look forward to that day in the paradise of God?
 - ii. What will that look like?
 - iii. Do you think about this truth often?
 - iv. How can you remind yourself of this truth when you are distracted?