

RESTORING OUR FIRST LOVE

Revelation 2:4-5a, "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first."

1. Review Jesus' commendation for the church at Ephesus (2:1-3,6). Yet what did Jesus rebuke them for (4)? What did he tell them to do and what was his warning if they did not (5)?
2. Why is loving Jesus so important as a first priority (Dt 6:5; Mt 22:35-38)? Why is this so difficult for anyone (1Jn 2:15-17; Mt 6:24)?
3. Consider: what are the things that you and your church "did at first" out of love for Jesus? How can we "repent and do the things [we] did at first"? What is the danger of doing "deeds" for Jesus without a right heart (2,4)?
4. How can we practically love Jesus personally (5a; Jn 14:15,21)? How can we love Jesus as a church (Heb 10:24-25; Col 3:16-17; Ac 2:42)?