

The Church I See Week 1

Written around 96 AD by the apostle John

The revelation of Jesus Christ...

[Revelation 1:1]

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands."

[Revelation 2:1]

1. Where The Leaders Are Held In His Hands

2. Where Jesus Is Walking Around

"...seven golden lampstands."

[Revelation 2:1]

"...that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false."

[Revelation 2:2]

3. Where Biblical Teaching Is Valued

The encouragements

The corrections

"You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary."

[Revelation 2:3]

4. Where Overcoming Is Normal

Sometimes before He blesses me He has to break me.

Hupomone: Triumphant Fortitude

“Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”

[Revelation 2:5]

5. Where Love Is Prioritized

Remember

“When I was threatening to become cold in my ministry, and when I felt Sabbath morning coming, and my heart not filled with amazement at the grace of God, or when I was making ready to dispense the Lord’s Supper, do you know what I used to do? I used to take a turn up and down among the sins of my past life, and I always came down with a broken and contrite heart, ready to preach, as it was preached in the beginning, the forgiveness of sins.”

[Thomas Goodwin]

“We shall not lose the glow if we take as our motto: ‘I will not forget what He did for me.’”

[William Barclay]

Repent

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“If the church loses its love, the church loses its light.”