Edward Church November 15, 2020 WE WERE WARNED REVELATION THE END OF DAYS 7 Churches pt 4 "You've Lost that Loving Feeling"

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- The Lord Comes to His Churches...
 ...to Speak to Them About
 - Where They Are...
 - Where He Wants Them to Be...
 - He Comes to Them w-...
 - ...a Message Of Comfort

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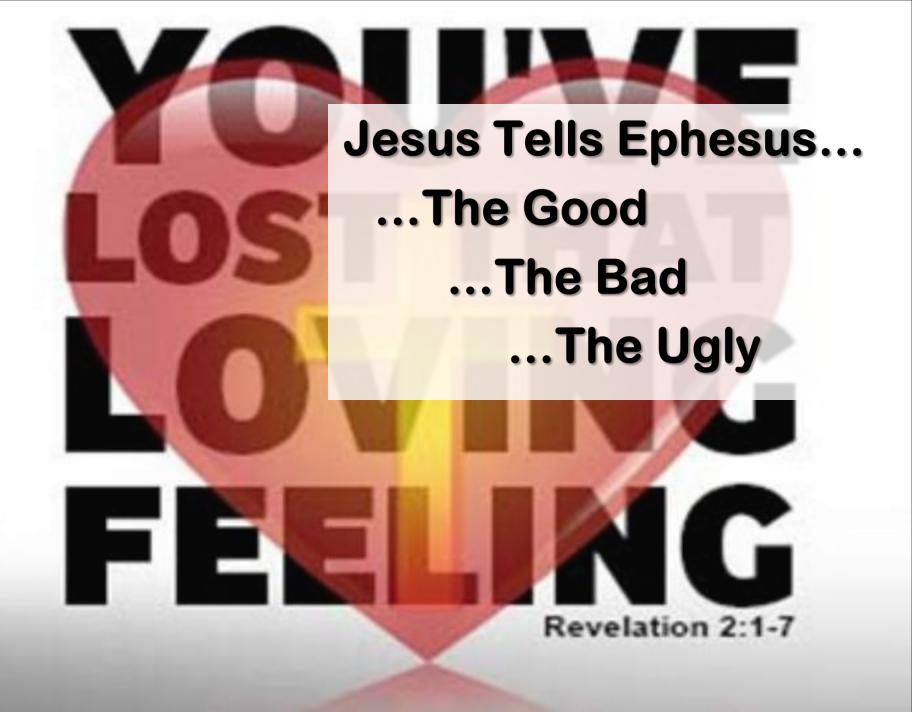
The Early Church Center Migrated...

- Jerusalem
- Antioch
- Ephesus

The Church at Ephesus was...

- Started by Paul
- Pastored by Timothy
- Pastored by John

Revelation 2:1-7



The Good (2-3,6)

Service (2a) Labor = *"a beating"*

- "intense work coupled with toil / trouble."
- Reveals "Servant Heart"

Steadfast (2a) Patience = "Steadfast Endurance"

 They Served Christ even when it wasn't Comfortable or Convenient

Secure (2b)

"canst not <u>bear</u>"=to receive / practice
"them which are <u>evil</u>" = worthless -of no spt value

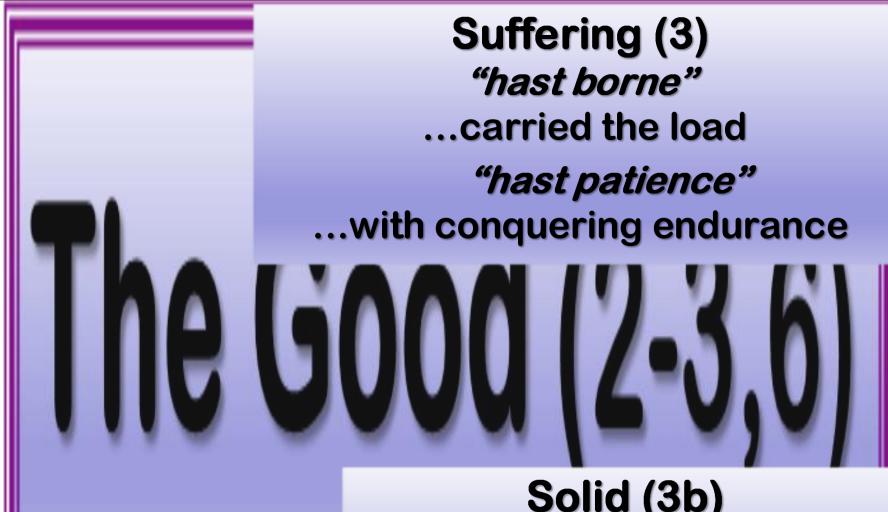
 behaved with the attitudes and actions consistent of a believer.

Selective (2c)

"hast tried/ found"= held fast to correct doctrine

 did not allow anyone who was not a believer to instruct within the church.

Nicolaitans(Nikao-to Conquer+Laos-the People)



Solid (3b)

"hast labored"

...unto point of exhaustion

"hast not fainted"

"hast not fainted" ...did not give up

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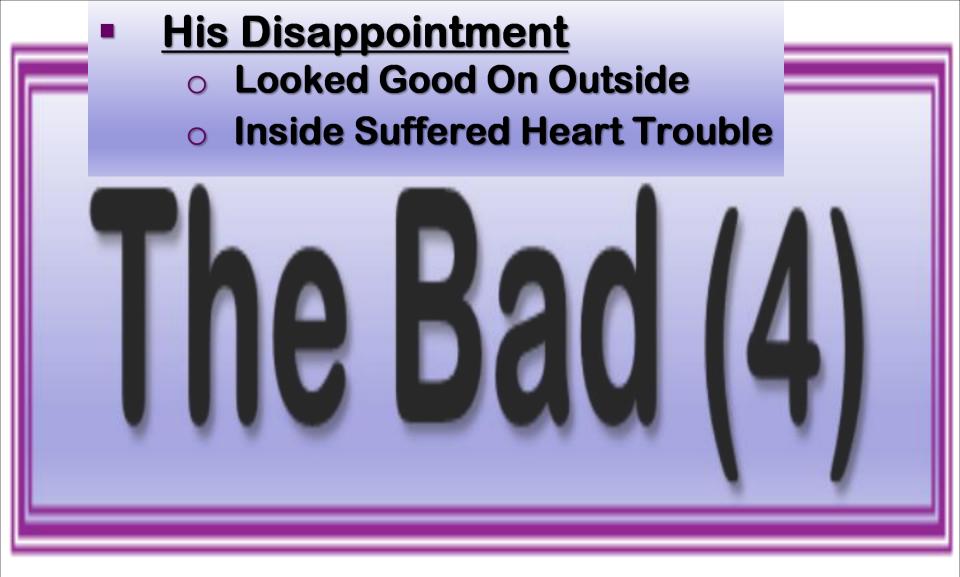
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A Church...

- Will Not Build Itself
- Cannot Sustain Itself
- Needs People Who...
 - ...Will Stick By It!
 - (Commit Emotionally)
- Needs People Who...
 - ...Will Work To Do These Things!

(Commit Physically)

The Bad (4)



- His Diagnosis
 - They Left Their "First Love"

Left Their First Love...

REVELATION 2:1-7

Left Their First Love...

What It Does Not Mean...

... They Had Lost Love For the

- Church
- Work of the Church
- Christ the Head of the Church

VELATION 2:1-7

Don't forget your first love.

Revelation 2:4

What It Does Mean...

1-Love

- Agape = God type love
- Effects all relationships
- Vertical (w/ God) / Horizontal (w/ each other)

2- First

- Priority
- Passion

3-Left

- Not lost
- left

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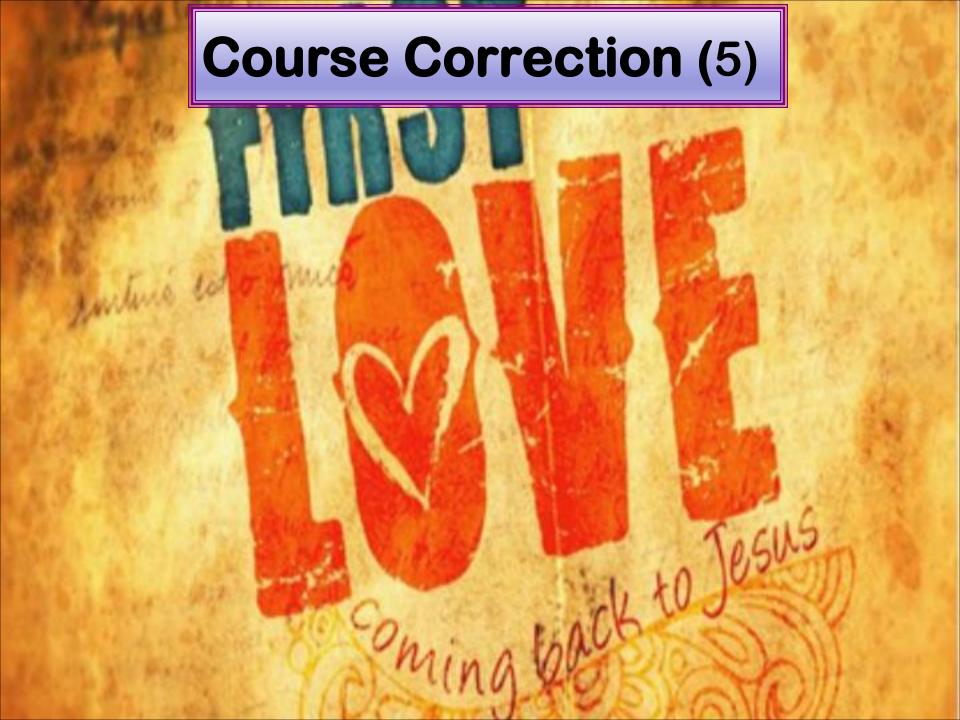
Have you left your first love?

Have you left

Even Though The Church May Have Lost Their First Love...

Thank God That He Hasn't...

He Gives Us A Chance To Correct Course





Remember

- o *"Remember"*
 - Called to Look Back
- o "from..art <u>fallen</u>.."
 - Driven Off One's Course..
 - Become Ineffective...



Go back to the first Love.

Jesus

Rev 2:4

Repenting

"a Change of Mind that ...

...Leads to a Change of Action"

Repeating

- He Tells Them to "do the first works"
- Key to their Revival
- Do the Things They Used to Do...

...Once Again



REVELATION 2:4

Letters Were Written to These Churches to Let Them Know...

Although There May Be Problems...

- ...There Is Always
 - Hope

50 Repent

- Opportunity
- Choice

Choose Life!!!



"Remember how far you have fallen. Return

to me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first. I will come to

you and take your lamp stand from its place if you don't change."

Revelation 2:5 GWT

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God Wants You Back

To him who overcomes I will give to eat from The Tree of Life which is in the midst of the Paradise of God Revelation 2:7