



AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS
- JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCH -



LOVE GONE COLD

Revelation 2:1-7

**You can be theologically right
and spiritually wrong.**

“Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus:
Thus says the one who holds the seven stars in
his right hand and who walks among the seven
golden lampstands:”

Revelation 2:1 CSB

“I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. I know that you have persevered and endured hardships for the sake of my name, and you have not grown weary.”

Revelation 2:2–3 CSB

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Revelation 2:2–3 CSB

Ephesus was faithfully enduring.

"But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first."

Revelation 2:4 CSB

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Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

1 John 4:11 CSB

**What does this look like?
Duty over delight.**

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Revelation 2:5 CSB

“Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

Revelation 2:6 CSB

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“Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

Revelation 2:7 CSB