



### The Seven Letters Series

*A series examining the message of Jesus to the modern Church.*

Revelation 2:1-7  
“Renew Your Passion”

### THE JESUS FOR A PASSIONLESS FAITH (REVELATION 2:1)

A passionless faith happens because the individual forgets the intimacy of relationship with Jesus and reduces faith to a series of rules to follow.

Remember, Jesus is the one who walks among the church.

Remember, Jesus is the one who holds your life in his hands.

### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PASSIONLESS PEOPLE (REVELATION 2:2-3, 6)

Jesus commends faithful living (even though passion has gone missing). Faithfulness is celebrated –

*You continue working, toiling and enduring (2:2)*

*You do not bear with those who are evil (2:2).*

*You have tested those among you for faithfulness (2:2).*

*You have endured difficult times (2:3).*

*You have not grown weary in doing the right things (2:3).*

*You have rejected the philosophy of the Nicolaitans (2:6).*

But Jesus says there is more to the faith relationship than just doing the right things.

### THE DANGER OF PASSIONLESS LIVING (REVELATION 2:4)

Jesus identifies the problem – they have grown cold emotionally, spiritually in their relationship with Him.

Right behavior is not enough – believers must experience a passionate connection with the Savior!

### THE CALL TO RENEW PASSION (REVELATION 2:5)

How do we renew passion in our experience with Jesus? He prescribes several things that are essential:

- (1) Remember the way it used to be.
- (2) Repent
- (3) Renew the first works

The risk of non-renewal of passion is removal of the church!

### THE PROMISE FOR PASSIONATE SERVICE (REVELATION 2:7)

Passion is rewarded with genuine life!

Passion is rewarded with the paradise (the presence) of God himself!

*Will you stoke the fires of your passion for Jesus and renew your heart with Him?*