

# **Studies in Revelation: Part Three**

*Wed. Bible Study*

*Letter to the Church at Ephesus: “Labor Lacking Love”*

1. **Presentation** v. 1-3 “*These things saith...*”
  - A. **He that Holdeth** v.1 “*that holdeth*” (Mat. 16:18)
    - a. *Secures the Church* “upon this rock” (Mat. 16:18)
    - b. *Strengthens the Church* “I will build” (Mat. 16:18)
    - c. *Safeguards the Church* “shall not prevail” (Mat. 16:18)
  - B. **He that Walketh** v.1 “*who walketh*”
    - a. *He’s Interested* (1Pet. 5:7)
    - b. *He’s Involved* (Eph. 3:17)
    - c. *He’s Invested* (1Pet. 1:18-19)
  - C. **He that Knoweth** v.2-3 “I know thy” (Lk. 16:15, Ps. 33:13-15)
2. **Perceptions** v.2-7 “I know”
  - A. **Praise:** v.2-3
    - a. *Productive* v2 “thy works and thy labour” (Eph. 2:10)
    - b. *Persistence* v.2-3a “patience...hast not fainted” (Gal. 6:9)
    - c. *Principled* v.2&6 “canst not bear...evil” (Heb. 5:14)
    - d. *Proving* v.2 “tried them which say” (1Jn. 4:1)
  - B. **Problem** v.4
    - Passionless Performance* “left thy first love” (Mk. 12:30)
      - A. **Cause** v.4-5
        - a. *Forsaking* v.4 “thou hast left” (Lk. 10:41-42)
        - b. *Forgetting* v.5 “Remember therefore” (Ps. 63)
      - B. **Correction** v.5
        - a. *Remember* “Remember” (Ps. 105:5)
        - b. *Repent* “repent” (Jas. 4:8)
        - c. *Redo* “do the first works” (1Jn. 2:4-6)
      - C. **Caution** v.5
        - a. *Rebuke* v.5 “come to thee quickly”
        - b. *Removal* v. 5 “thy candlestick” (Jn. 15:5)
3. **Prophecy:** Corresponding Church Age Time Period = Pentecost – 70AD