

Revelation 2:1-7

¹"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ²I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; ³and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place-unless you repent. ⁶Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God."

SERMON NOTES

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Overcomers

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"Sin is crouching at the door...but you must master it." (Genesis 4:7)

A war...a race...a contest.
Your assignment is to win.

Christ communicates to the churches.

- God's church (universal) is made up of churches (local).
- Churches have pastors.

1 Peter 5:2-3 ²Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

- Churches (and pastors) have a Great Coach.
Repent! (5 of 7)
Be warned! (6 of 7)
Overcome! (7 of 7)

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1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.