



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Revival of Our First Love

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” (Revelation 2:1-5)

INTRODUCTION

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-2)

1. The Lord’s _____

A. A _____ Church

WORKS

LABOR

Quote: “I care not where I go or how I live or what I endure so that I may save souls. When I sleep, I dream of them; when I awake, they are first in my thoughts.”—**David Brainerd**

PATIENCE

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10)

B. A _____ Church

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, to see whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)

C. A _____ Church

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2. The Lord’s _____

A. Their _____ Had Lessened

“Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,” (Ephesians 1:15)

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:” (2 Corinthians 5:14)

B. Their _____ Had Diminished

LACK OF LOVE

Quote: “In the midst of a generation screaming for answers, Christians are stuttering.”—**Howard Hendricks**

LESSENING OF SERVICE

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” (Matthew 24:12)

“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica;” (2 Timothy 4:10)

3. The Lord’s _____

A. _____

“Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;” (Psalm 105:5)

“I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.” (Psalm 143:5)

B. _____

“Now I rejoyce, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” (2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” (James 4:8)

C. _____

CONCLUSION

“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.” (Psalm 51:12)