

**Lesson 2**

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*Revelation 2:1-7*

Anyone

The Character of Christ (Rev. 2:1)

* Jesus’ posture: *he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand*
* Jesus’ position: *walking among the 7 candlesticks*

The Culture of the Church- Ephesus (2:1a)

* Politically, Ephesus was influential.
* Geographically, Ephesus was strategic.
* Structurally (architecturally), Ephesus was powerful.
* Economically, Ephesus was rich.
* Religiously, Ephesus was cultic.
* Morally, Ephesus was sexualized.

The Compliments for the Church (2:2-3, 6)

* The worked hard in ministry.
* The persevered in difficulty.
* They resisted sinful influences.
* They wisely discerned false teachers.
* They endured in patience when they were weary.
* They hated heresy in a Christ-like way.

The Criticisms of the Church (2:4)

* You abandoned your first love.
* You fell from your first love.

The Corrections for the Church (2:

* Wrongly motivated Christians need to remember their first love.
* Wrongly motivated Christians need to repent of their lack of love.
* Wrongly motivated Christians need to return to what they used to do.

The Consequences for the Church

* Jesus Christ will come to them quickly.
* The church will die eventually.

The Call to the Churches

* He that hath an ear, let Him hear.

The Conquering of the Church

* They will eat from the tree of life.
* They will dwell in God's paradise.

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, and UIndy
* Single Focus
  + College Students while they’re away
  + Year-Long atmosphere and discipleship at home
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

Specific Requests:

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Zirkles as Ronda goes through cancer treatments
* Xavion’s court situation
* Sarah’s family’s salvation

**Announcements:**

* September 8- Men’s Bible Study
* September 10- SNF at the Knoedler’s
* Week of 11-15- Top Golf (Tuesday is cheapest)

**Order of Service for tonight:**

**Service Theme**: “Come Boldly”

* **Opening Game**:  “Who Am I?”
* **Announcements**:
  + Sunday Night Fellowship at the Knoedlers
* **Opener**: Brandon
* **Songs**:
  + My Jesus, Fair- page 87/ Screen
    - Private Prayer
  + Christ is Sufficient - Sheet Music / Screen
    - Corporate Praise/ Prayer
  + Arise, My Soul, Arise - Sheet Music/ Screen
    - Small Group Supplication

**Message**: Pastor Andy