



Outline - Sunday, May 11, 2014

Sermon Title: Revelation: The Church at Ephesus #1

Scripture Reading: Rev 1:17-20; 2:1-4

1. His Authority over all opposition: Rev 1:18/Heb 2:14/

1 Jn 3:8/Dan 7:14

a. He is Life—They are the living God:

John 1:3-4/Mt 22:32/John 14:19/1 John 5:12

b. He controls death/hell:

John 11:25-26/Mt 27:52-53/2 Cor 3:14-16/Rev 2:11

c. The believer does not have to fear:

Mt 10:28-32

2. His authority over the Churches: vs 20:16; 2:1

a. He will build it:

Mt 16:18-19

b. He has called them:

Jer 3:15/Rom 16:25-26/Titus 1:1-2

c. He will keep them:

John 10:27-28; Jude 1

3. Ephesus known, commended, exposed: vs 1-3

a. Perseverance in the cause of the gospel:

1 Thess 1:3-4

b. Your *discernment* and *aversion* of evil and heresy:

1 Cor 13:6/Ps 119:163/1 Pet 3:10-12

c. You have tested and rejected the heretics:

Acts 20:29-32/Eph 1:14-17

d. They understood grace:

vs 6 legalism/license – Rom 6:1-17/Gal 5:13/Jude 1:4

4. The loss of love for Christ in their service: vs 4

- a. A shift from the motive of faith—“love”:
Gal 5:5
- b. A drifting into formality:
2 Tim 3:5/Ezek 33:31/Mt 15:8; 24:12
- c. A forgetting the need for personal communion:
1 John 1:6-9

***First love, means love first,
the basis, premise, and foundation:***
John 14:31; 17:26