



A People  
in  
love

# Church of Ephesus seen in the New Testament



Birth of the Church: Acts 19

Church in Ephesus is encouraged:  
Book of Ephesians

Church in Ephesus gets challenged:  
1 and 2 Timothy

Church in Ephesus gets rebuked:  
1, 2, and 3 John

Church in Ephesus gets warned  
by Christ: Revelation 2



# Amazing Commendation

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To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup> I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.



Revelation 2:1-3

# Strengths of this Church

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**1** The church had **sound doctrine** and a **strong teaching team**.

Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos, Paul, Timothy, Tychicus and John.

**2** The church **worked** and **toiled hard**.

**3** The church **persevered**.



Temple of Artemis



# Expansion in Ephesus

Acts 19

- The Word was taught daily for 2 years in the Hall of *Tyrannus* (verse 9-10)

- Extraordinary miracles were seen (verse 11-12)

- Casting out demons was a common occurrence (verse 13-16)

- The socio-economic climate of the city was changed (verse 23-27)

- The transformation caused a riot (verse 28-32)



# Warning in Revelation 2

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Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.



Revelation 2:4-7



# First works seen in Acts 19:17-20

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## 1 Extolling Jesus

- Extol means to lift up and to make much about His name.
- Involves worship and evangelism.

## 2 Transparency

- Confession and divulging of sinful practices.
- Jesus will only cover what you choose to confess.

## 3 Burning of magic books

- The cost was 50 thousand pieces of silver.
- Establishing roadblocks against sin.



If you are on trial for being a Christian,  
would they have any evidence to convict  
you of being one?



**1** Walking in  
the light



**2** Loving His  
commandments



**3** Loving  
people

