

## Daily Devotional, February 15, 2021

### 'Getting it Right Yet Getting it Wrong', (Revelation 2:2-4, NKJV)

*“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”* (Revelation 2:2-4)

These believers described by the Lord Jesus Christ in the letter to the church at Ephesus had a lot of things right. But yet they were getting it wrong, because although they were going perfectly through the motions of the Christian faith, they were doing it without the heart of worship that is born out of a true love for Christ.

In verses 2 and 3, we find five commendations either implicitly or explicitly stated. First, the believers in the church were doing the works of God. Second, they were exhibiting patience through tribulation. Third, the church was characterized by sound doctrine. Fourth, the saints there were spiritually discerning and rejecting of unsound doctrine. Fifth, the church at Ephesus was persevering in the Christian faith in the general sense. All of these things are great things to find in a church. It’s what I expect at Firm Foundation, and what I would look for in any other church that I may happen to visit or co-labor with, or recommend to you. So far, so good. But more is required in a God-pleasing church or Christian.

In verse 4, the reproof is given, that the love of the church had grown cold, and backsliding and going through the motions were now evident. The church had gotten everything right yet they were getting it wrong.

Have *“you left your first love?”* Do you have all the doctrine straight, and are you doing all five commendations enumerated above well, but yet have gradually lost your zeal? Let’s get the doctrine right, and then let’s get on fire for the Lord and His work. And let’s get started, re-started, and revived today.