



# Jesus: Our First Love Bible Study



Try to think back to that time in which you truly gave your heart to the Lord. What are some of the things you felt in your heart, what were your actions like, how did you feel about the Lord?

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**Read Mathew 22:34-40 and Keep the Lord's command in mind as we study this letter to Ephesus.**

**Read Revelation 1:17-20**

What are the churches called?

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Why are they called lampstands?

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What is the "mystery of the stars"?

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This is the first of the seven churches that Jesus addresses in Revelation. If you read through all the letters to the churches you will notice that there is a different aspect of Jesus that is described in each one.

## **Read Revelation 2:1**

What does this tell us about Jesus?

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What does it mean that He “walks among the seven lampstands”?

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Jesus has ALL authority, He even holds the “stars” which are angels in his right hand. Yet He loves us, His children so much that He knows exactly what is going on in our lives and in our churches. He is personally involved and active in our lives.

## **Read Acts 19:1-21**

How much time did Paul spend with them?

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What happened in verses 17-19?

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What were their hearts like as a result of what happened?

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The Lord taught the people at Ephesus to love and honor Him. They began to take the Lord and His word seriously and they repented openly for their sins. Can you imagine standing up in front of your church or a large crowd and telling them all the sins you have committed?? They were humble and their repentance was proved genuine by their actions. They did not merely say “Lord forgive me,” they changed, which is the true definition of the word repent.

**Read Revelation 2:1-3**

List the things the church was doing.

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**Read verse 4**

What did they do wrong?

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What were some of the things they and you “did at first”?

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The Lord wants us to love HIM with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. While the Ephesian Christians were doing good things in their actions, their hearts were not in the right place. They had

forsaken their First Love and we will see the seriousness of this offence in just a minute.

### **Read Verse 5**

What will happen if they **do not** repent?

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### **Read Verse 6-7**

What promise is given if they **do** repent?

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If the Ephesians repent, they will get to eat the Tree of Life. From what we know about the Tree of life in the Bible, it represents eternal life. So, the only way that the Ephesians will have eternal life is by repenting and giving their HEARTS back to Jesus. If they choose not to repent, not only will they not eat of the Tree of Life, their lampstand will also be removed because as Christians we CAN NOT be effective in shining our light for the Lord if our hearts are not fully devoted to Him!!!

We hope you enjoyed this Bible study compliments of Powerline Productions.

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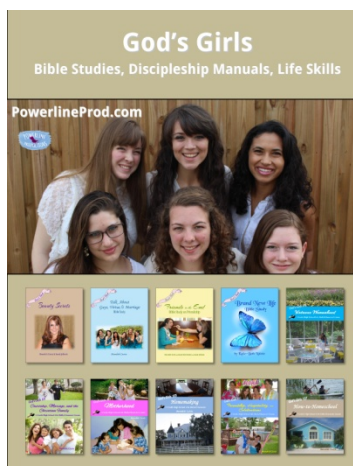
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