

**A PEOPLE PLEASING TO GOD:
A PROBLEM OF THE HEART
(Revelation 1:1-7)**

The Church born of Pentecost in Jerusalem quickly spread around the then known world, but the seven letters to churches John was told to write too in Revelation are representative of every church at every point in time and written that every church assess their practice by them.

- Q. WHAT** is one thing you love to do and **WHY** is it that you love to do it?
- Q. WHAT** is one thing you used to love doing or eating or watching but now have almost given up on?
- Q. WHY** do you think we fall in and out of love of things so quickly?

(Vs.1)

- Q. WHO** is giving the message to the church at Ephesus and **WHY** should that be so significant to the church?

(Vs.2-3)

- Q. WHAT** things are the believers at Ephesus being truly commended for and **HOW** ought such things to impact our practice at SBC?
- Q. HOW** are we to discern between truth and error?
- Q. In WHAT** ways should The Truth guide our choices?
- Q. HOW** might legalism hurt the truth, and can you think of any biblical or personal cases where that has been?

(Vs.4)

Q. Describe WHAT it felt like when you first became a true follower of Jesus Christ, and HOW and WHY might that feeling be prone to change?

(Consider the Nicolaitan cult **(Vs.6)** that believed freedom in Christ gave them a blank check to sin.)

Q. DOES the church still take sin seriously?

Q. WHY is love for our Lord to be put above our work for the Lord? (Matthew 22:37-39 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

(Vs.5)

Q. WHAT are some of the things perhaps that the modern church needs to remember, repent of, and return to, IF its lampstand and therefore the light of its witness is not to be lost?

(Vs.7)

Q. HOW are we to maintain our first love and overcome the temptation to lose our passion for Jesus?

(Consider who is talking and what He promises ahead!)

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