**Revelation 2:1-7: Leaving our First Love**

**MAIN IDEA THIS WEEK: Doctrine without devotion leads to deadness**

 **I. Prologue (1:1-3)**

 **II. Introduction (I:4-8)**

 **III. The Experience of the churches (1:9-3:22)**

 **IV. The Beginning of the Birth Pangs – the First Half of the Week (4:1-11:19)**

 **V. Birth Pangs Proper: The Second Half of the Week (12:1-16:21)**

 **VI. Climax: The Two Cities (17:1-22:5)**

**VII. Conclusion (22:6-21)**

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**Purpose: To present Jesus as the Supreme Judge that we might be motivated to live godly lives, looking forward to God’s eternal rule.**

**1. Prologue (1:1-3)**

**2. Introduction (I:4-8)**

**3. The vision of Jesus (1:9-20)**

**4. The Experience of the churches (2:1-3:22)**

**The Pattern for the Churches**

**1. The vision of Jesus**

**2. The commendation**

**3. The condemnation**

**4. The advice and warning**

**5. The reward**

**Overcomer**

* **The word means “victory.” The verb form means “to win in the face of obstacles, be victor, conquer, overcome, prevail.”**
* **Used in Rev. 2-3 of those who overcome by what they do, not simply of all believers (2:5, 10, 23, 26; 3:3-4, 11).**
* **Our initial “overcoming” when we believe (1 Jn. 5:4-5) tell us overcoming is possible and faith is the means to accomplish it.**

**The Context: Revelation 1:19-20**

* **1: 20 The messengers to the churches have a place of priority and honor and He is in the midst of the churches; clear priority**
* **As chapter one ends, John is impacted by seeing Jesus as the Judge.**
* **Does Jesus still impact your life?**

**The vision of Jesus: Revelation 2:1**

**The Commendation: 2:2-3, 6**

**The Condemnation: Revelation 2:4**

**The Advice and the Warning: Revelation 2:5 – Three actions**

**The Reward: Enhanced experience of life and fellowship – Rev. 2:7**