

# Jesus Followers: Love God

sermon notes

February 5, 2023

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<sup>2</sup> "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false.

<sup>3</sup> I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

<sup>5</sup> Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

<sup>6</sup> Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup> Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

## **Revelation 2:1-7 NRSV**

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<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. **Proverbs 3:5-6 NRSV**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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