

“The Church That Forgot”

Revelation 2:1-7

I. The “Pan” Church

A) All the *Right* Components

B) All the *Right* People

1 John 4:10, 16, 19

C) All the *Right* Works

1) “works”; 2) they’ve worked hard [“toil”]; 3) patient endurance; 4) cannot bear with those who are evil; 5) tested them; 6) enduring patiently and bearing up for name of Jesus; 7) have not grown weary

II. The “Pan” Exchange

A) Loving God and Loving People

- 1st generation ~ 52 AD time of Paul - Acts 19:20

- [60 AD] Ephesians 1:15-16; [70-90?] 1 John 4:11, 20

- by 95 AD [2nd & 3rd generation] their love and enthusiasm for God had dried up see ... Mt 22:36-40

B) Idols of the Heart

John Calvin – *“the evil in our desire, typically, does not lie in what we want, but that we want it too much.”* See 1 John 5:21

1) What did the Ephesians forsake God for?

a) Religious activity

b) Hearers of the word but not doers

2) What do modern Christians forsake God for?

“To make matters worse, this idolatry is hidden. It is deceptive; it exists underground. We can make this great exchange without forsaking our confessional theology or even our observance of the external duties of faith. So we hold onto our beliefs, tithe, remain faithful in church attendance, and occasionally participate in ministry activity. Yet at the level of what we are really living for, we have forsaken God for something else. This is the silent cancer that weakens the church, robs individuals of their spiritual vitality, and leads to all kinds of difficulty in relationships and situations.” Paul Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemers Hand*, p.67

III. A “Pan” Guard

A) Remember

Leviticus 11:45, 19:36, 22:32-33, 23:41-43

**** Gospel = though we may forget God, He can never forget us!**

B) Repent

“1st works of repentance in Ephesus” = Acts 19:17-20

C) Do the former work

