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Its History

- 1. Paul Visited Ephesus Briefly on 2nd Journey (Acts 18:18-21)
- 2. Aquila and Priscilla Corrected Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
- 3. Conversion of 12 Previously Baptized (Acts 19:1-7)
- 4. Many Converted on 3rd Journey (Acts 19:8-20)
 - a. In midst of controversy (verses 8-16)
 - b. Burned their books (verses 18-19)
 - c. Stayed three years (Acts 20:31)

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- 5. Idol Craftsmen Caused a Riot. (Acts 19:21-41)
- 6. Paul Met with Elders at Miletus. (Acts 20:13-38)
- 7. May have Visited Again after Prison. (1 Timothy 1:3)
- 8. Paul Wrote a Letter to the Church at Ephesus (Ephesians).
- 9. Timothy Worked with the Church (1 Timothy 1:3).

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A Church That Left Its First Love

When the Fire is Gone

- I. History
- II. Its Strong Qualities

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Its Strong Qualities

A. Works (verse 2)

- 1. What they do in service to the Lord.
- 2. "Works may be either good or bad; here they appear to be good" (Hailey, 121)
- 3. This is an **active** congregation

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Its Strong Qualities

- A. Works (verse 2)
- B. Labor (verse 2)

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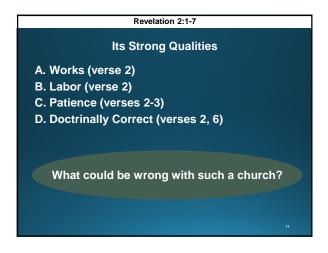
- 1. "Toil" (ESV, ASV)
- 2. Strenuous, wearying labor
- "Toil lies deeper than works. The word translated toil has reference to the effort that produces work at the cost of pain" (Ray Summers, 100)
- 4. This is an aggressive church.

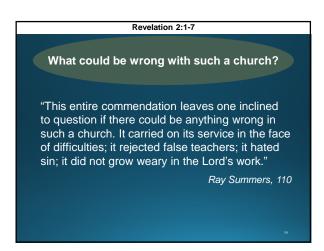
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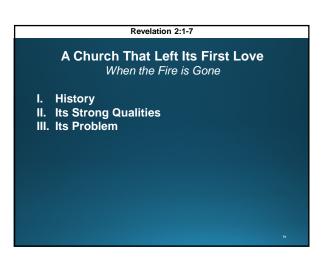
Its Strong Qualities

- A. Works (verse 2)
- B. Labor (verse 2)
- C. Patience (verses 2-3)
 - 1. Persistence in the toil staying when the burden is heavy
 - Didn't "give up when things went bad, or when someone criticized, mocked, or ridiculed them" (Harkrider, 26)
 - 3. This is a determined church

Revelation 2:1-7 Its Strong Qualities A. Works (verse 2) B. Labor (verse 2) C. Patience (verses 2-3) D. Doctrinally Correct (verses 2, 6) 1. Cannot bear evil men (verse 2) 2. "The evil men were detected, convicted and expelled" (Foy E. Wallace, Jr., 86) 3. Exposed false apostles (verse 2) 2 Corinthians 11:13 4. Hated deeds of the Nicolaitans (verses 6, 15) 1 John 4:1; 2 John 9-11; Romans 16:17-18; Titus 3:10-11









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III. Its Problem
"left your first love"

A. Place of Love

1. Love is essential

2. Love produces action

a. Context (verses 4-5)

b. Galatians 5:6 – faith works by love

c. 1 John 5:3 – love of God – keep commands

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