Church Sub Theme for 2019-22: "What's The Church Supposed To Be Like?!" (Problems in the Church)

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Sermon Outline

III. THE LORD TELLS THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR FIRST LOVE FOR HIM, v-5

- A. They Needed To Examine Themselves As A Church, v-5a
- B. They Needed To Repent, v-5b --Not to love God is sin!
- C. They Need To Return To Doing The Good Deeds They Use to Do, v-5c
- D. The Lord Warns Them That If They Don't Repent He Will Remove Their Usefulness To Him, v-5d
 - -- No real usefulness to Christ. Just faking it.
 - -- Thus no reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ
- IV. THE LORD ALSO COMMENDED THEM FOR REJECTING THE FALSE TEACHING OF THE NICOLAITANS, v-6

- A. The Early Church Fathers (Men who followed the Apostles in Church History) tell us that they led many in the professing church into immorality and other wickedness.
- B. The Church at Ephesus rejected them and did not allow them to influence their church.
- C. They did influence the third church, at Pergamum.
- V. THE LORD CALLS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE DECISIONS AMONG THEM TO BE OVERCOMERS, v-7; 1 Jn. 5:4