

WHEN A BELIEVER FORSAKES HIS FIRST LOVE

REVELATION 2:4-5,7

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE FIRST LOVE FORSAKEN (2:4)

A. The Only Clue Given In The Text Is Found In The Word "*First*"

1. It Could Be That Which Is First In Time (Chronology)
2. It Could Be That Which Is First In Priority

B. The Only Answer Is Found In Both Possibilities

1. Man's Preeminent Objective From Divine Perspective Has Always Been To Love God (Matthew 22:38)
2. Man's First Love With Regard To Time, At The Point Of Regeneration Is Christ

C. The Paradigm To This Relationship Between Ourselves And The Lord Is Best Illustrated In The Institution Of Marriage

II. CORRECTION TO THE FORSAKING OF ONE'S FIRST LOVE (2:5a)

A. Make Use Of Your Memory: *Remember, Therefore, From Whence Thou Art Fallen!!*

B. Change Your Mind About What It Is That's Really Important To Give Your Love To: *And Repent!!*

C. Go Back To The Way It Was At The First: *And Do The First Works*

III. ACTION THREATENED BY THE LORD (2:5b)

A. He Will Terminate The Ministry Of That Church

B. When The Love Is Gone, The Marriage Is Essentially Over

IV. PROGNOSTICATION FOR THE OVERCOMER (2:7)