

# Revelation 2000

## Part 3: "A Love-Hate Relationship" (Revelation 2:1-11)

### Introduction – Exposing The Terminators

#### EPHESUS – A Church Of Marthas

3 kinds of important action... (v. 2)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Work.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Work.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Work.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Acts 20:29-31

1 John 4:1

1 John 4:20-21

We can't rely on past \_\_\_\_\_ for today's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5)

Matthew 7:15-23

Luke 10:38-42

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

3 Steps Toward Growth...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus while you \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit!

#### SMYRNA – A Church of Hidden Riches

Acts 14:22

2 Timothy 3:12

Gracious \_\_\_\_\_ turns meaningless suffering into royal \_\_\_\_\_ and family \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Conclusion – The Truth About Birth, Death, & Life

If we are born only \_\_\_\_\_, we will die \_\_\_\_\_.

If we are born \_\_\_\_\_, we will die only \_\_\_\_\_.

#### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

1. After reading through **Revelation 2:1-11**, share what one verse stands out to you as your favourite or as the most challenging to you.
2. Read about the priority of love for a Christian in **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**.
  - a) With these verses (as well as **verses 4-8**) in mind, how would you define "love"?
  - b) How is our love for Christ to be expressed? (Can you refer to some other Bible passages in answering this one?)
  - c) How would you describe your connection with your "first love"?... Still close like at first? Recently renewed? Slipping slowly from neglect? Fallen far away and in need of help? Other?
3. Find out five attributes of sin that we want to avoid by reading **Psalms 41:4; Romans 14:23; James 4:17; 1 John 3:4; & 1 John 5:17**.
  - a) Which of these verses describes that attribute of biblical sin that is most prevalent in our culture today?
  - b) Which of these verses describes the characteristic of sin that you most wrestle with?
  - c) What is the Bible's final word on our sin? (See **1 John 1:8-9**.)
4. Pray for each other for renewed love, passion, and purity.