

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH
"The Church at Ephesus – Part I"
Reference: **Revelation 2:1-3** and **6**
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FAST FACTS ON REVELATION:

AUTHOR: _____

DATE: _____ **AD**

LOCATION: the island of _____ located in the Aegean Sea

ADDRESSEES: _____ in ancient Asia Minor
(modern Turkey)

These seven churches represent four different things:

One is that these seven churches represent _____
churches.

Two is that these seven churches represent seven different
_____ of **churches.**

Three is that these seven churches represent seven _____
of **Christians.**

Four is that these seven churches represent seven different
historical _____ throughout the entire church age.

Question: Why was this first letter addressed to Ephesus and
not to another one of the seven churches?

Answer: There are two reasons:

One is that historians believe that Ephesus was the
_____ on the postal route so it made
sense to write it first.

Two is that Ephesus was considered the _____
_____ church of the seven churches.

Read **verse one.** (see screen)

Three historical facts about Ephesus:

Fact One is that Ephesus had the greatest _____
in Asia Minor.

Fact Two is that Ephesus enjoyed _____.

Fact Three is that Ephesus was the center of _____ (Artemis)
_____.

Each of these messages to the seven churches contain 4 basic parts:

Part One is a _____.

Part Two is a _____.

Part Three is some _____.

Part Four is a _____.

Read **verse two.** (see screen)

The word "know" means complete and _____ knowledge.

There are six things this church was to be commended for:

First was the congregation's commitment to _____.

Read **verse two** continued. (see screen)

The word "labor" meant expended _____, **toil, sweat** and
working to the point of exhaustion.

Reference: **Genesis 2:15** (see screen)

Second was the congregation's exercising _____ (spiritual
endurance).

Read **verse two** continued. (see screen)

Reference: **II Timothy 3:13** (see screen)

Third was the congregation's refusal to _____ **evil people.**

Read **verse two** continued. (see screen)

Fourth was the congregation's _____ of **spiritual
phonies.**

Read **verse two** continued. (see screen)

Fifth was the congregation's _____ for **Nicolaitan deeds.**

Read **verse six.** (see screen)

Two basic opinions as to who the Nicolaitans were:

- The Nicolaitans were some sort of _____ in
the church. The word Nicolaitans comes from two words
meaning "to _____ the _____."
- The Nicolaitans were sexually _____ group of
people.

Sixth was the congregation's determined _____.

Read **verse three.** (see screen)