Revelation 2 – Ephesus

The section for these 7 verses is easily divided for teaching purposes as shown in the outline. The aim of any church should be to try and make the “Commendation” part from the Lord (II. in the outline) as big and as detailed as possible. Try and make a list of symbols and their interpretation.

1. Identification, verse 1
   1. Is the “angel” an angelic being or some other messenger?
   2. See Genesis 48:14-18. What does it mean to refer to your “right hand.”? See also, Hebrews 1:3,13 and Hebrews 8:1.
   3. Name some other passages which show that Jesus is in the midst of His people:
2. Commendation, verses 2, 3, and 6.
   1. Let’s define some of the good things in Ephesus:
      1. They were laborers – they worked, especially spiritually. See 1 Timothy 4:8.
      2. They were patient –
      3. They withdrew from evil –
   2. Contrast some of the things you see at a “dead” church with those you see at a vibrant and active church:
   3. What do we know about the Nicolaitans? What doctrine(s) did they teach? More importantly, how did the Ephesians react to the Nicolaitans?
3. Complaint, verses 4 and 5
   1. They didn’t have the right priorities. Read Matthew 6:33.
   2. Define “repentance” –
   3. The “first works” would include those things that a Christian should know and practice as soon as they are converted. What are some things that every Christian should believe and practice regularly?
4. Counsel
   1. What would Jesus do if they didn’t repent? What does this mean?
   2. Some people in the Bible didn’t have an “ear” to hear the truth. Can you find some in the Bible who had a problem with their “ears?”
5. Promise, verse 7

Who are the first humans to have access to the tree of life?