



*The Glory of Christ in the Church – Love*

*SHINE Series*

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*Text: Revelation 1:9-2:7*

*This message begins our fall series, Shine: The Glory of Christ in the Church. Each week we will listen to the words of the Risen Christ in Revelation as he addresses the seven churches in Asia. This week, we listen in as Christ addresses the church in Ephesus and calls them to 'shine' with His love.*

### **Main Point**

Behold, Christ calls us to *shine* with His love!

### **Main Ideas**

If we would shine with love we must ...

- \* Persist in love
- \* Remember the past
- \* Savor our reward

### **Application Questions**

1. Re-read Revelation 1:9-2:7
2. John's vision of the exalted Christ is captivating. What captures your attention from the vision John shares? Why is the number seven significant for us, the exalted Christ addresses the seven believing churches in Asia?
3. In 2:1-3, the exalted Christ commends the Ephesian church. What strengths does he commend them for? How are their strengths seeking to be emulated in our local church?

4. In 2:4, Jesus admonishes the Ephesian church. What does He specifically admonish them for? How should their weakness spur us on to persist in loving God, one another, and the lost? How are you being tempted to not persist in love?
5. In 2:5, Jesus provides the solution to lovelessness. What is Jesus solution? Are there 'memories' you can share when as a new believer you were highly motivated to love God and others more?
6. In 2:7, Jesus promises a reward to those who 'conquer.' What do you think the tree of life symbolizes? How would 'savoring' this future reward in the present cause you to persist in love today?
7. Pray for our upcoming series, that together we would shine with Christ.