Deliverance Center – Portland, Maine

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TITLE: First Love

TEXT: Revelation 2:1-7

Revelation 2:1-7—*Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

1. **The Savior’s Perception**

He has a keen eye for all that is good. He does see the faults so much that he forgets what He admires and accepts. He sees the good! He sees the other, but He sees the good. While He is searching our hearts, He never passes by the faintest longing.

1. **The Savior Prescription**
2. **The Savior’s Persuasion**