NEW HOPE CHURCH

Revelation 2:1-7
An Introduction
To The 7 Churches
/ The Church in Ephesus

4 Levels of Application for the 7 Letters:

1) _____

2) All _____
"...hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

3) _____
"He who has an ear, let him hear..."

4) _____ *(The Church Age)*

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." - Acts 20:27-31

Church Name:
Ephesus = *the desired one, desirable*

Prophetic Time Period:
33 A.D. *(Pentecost)* – 100 A.D. // The Apostolic Age

V.1: The title Jesus gives Himself is a reminder that He is in

_____.

"The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches." - Revelation 1:20

VV.2-3 // Commendations:

They made _____ God a priority
"I know your works, your labour..."

They persevered
"...your patience..."

Their theology was _____
"...and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars"

V.4 // Criticism:

They left their _____ *("agape")*

How do I know if I'm in love with Jesus? I want to

_____.

In a task-driven relationship, you stand _____

_____. In an intimacy-based relationship,

you stand _____.

V.5 // Exhortation:
"..._____ and do the first works..."