

## WORDS OF COMMENDATION BY OUR LORD - Revelation 2:2, 3

THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS HAD PERSERVERANCE AND ENDURANCE BECAUSE OF THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

THESE BELIEVERS PASSED MOMENTUM TESTS AND BECAME A STRONG PIVOT, MAKING THE PERIOD FROM AD 96 TO AD 180 THE GREATEST PERIOD OF PROSPERITY OF HUMAN HISTORY!

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- I. I know your works – ἔργα – Production
- II. I know you labor – κόπος – exhaustive endeavors
- III. I know your patience – ὑπομονη – staying power
- IV. I know your disdain for evil – βαστάζω – no toleration
- V. I know your stand for Truth – πειράζω – orthodoxy tested
- VI. I know your theological stand against – ψευδεῖς – liars
- VII. I know your love for His Name ὄνομα – Person – (Verse 3)

Truth makes possible the discovery of what is false. We're free to listen; God communicates His word, and we are free to *accept or reject*.

These people were commended by our Lord, because their decision was to *accept*. Our Lord knew their love for His Name.

But we will ultimately see that these people nevertheless leave their first love. We must be so careful not to do the same today!