

## Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling: Abiding In Christ

*Intro:* Acts 19:23-40

(Picture #1 - Amphitheater)

- I. Revelation 2:1-7  
(Picture #2 - Map of Ephesus)
- II. Meaning of “First Love”  
(Picture #3 - Cross)
- III. How did the Ephesians fall away from their “first love” so quickly?  
(Picture #4 - City of Ephesus)
  - A. Your works  
(Picture #5 - Road)
  - B. Your toil  
(Picture #6 - People)
  - C. Your patient endurance  
(Picture #7 - Show Map of Old City)
  - D. You cannot bear those who are evil  
(Picture #8 - Temple of Hadrian)
  - E. Tested those who are apostles  
(Picture #9 - Library)
  - F. Enduring patiently  
(Picture #10 - Agora)
  - G. Bearing up for my name’s sake  
(Picture #11 - Statues)
  - H. You have not grown weary  
(Picture #12 - Lion)

**verse 5-** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at **first**.

- IV. What changed over 10-35 years?  
**(Picture #13 - Rendering of the City)**
  
- V. In Christ - Ephesians 1:3-14  
**(Picture #14 - Design in Rock)**
  
- VI. How does this apply to our lives? Our calling and all that we do needs to be grounded in Christ.
  - A. First, we must learn to abide in Christ...the source of what we do.  
**(Picture #15 - Flowers)**
  
  - B. All that we do should be a response to what Christ has done for us...everything comes into view.  
**(Picture #16 - Ephesus w/ Family)**
  
  - C. We must take action!!! As a Church and personally in our callings  
**(Picture #17 - Pillars)**
  
  - D. A personal application  
**(Picture #18 - Payson in the Marketplace / Agora)**
  
- VII. The end of the story in Ephesus...did they turn back to their "first love"?  
**(Picture #19 - Ephesus is Still Buried)**
  
- VIII. Scripture reminds us to keep "the love you had at first," which comes from Jesus Christ as a basis for all we do. In Christ, we have the power to live a life worthy of our calling, but we need to be careful of the trappings of this world that surround us, especially in Silicon Valley.  
**(Picture #20 - John's Burial)**