

Sing the Song of Truth in the Key of Love

Revelation 2:1-7 (CSB), "Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: Thus says the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lampstands: ²I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. ³I know that you have persevered and endured hardships for the sake of my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

Ephesians 4:15, "...speaking the *truth in love*, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body...."

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John 14:6, "I am the truth."

1 Thessalonians 2:4, "We have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel."

2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

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1 John 4:16, "God is love."

Acts 19:10, "...all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord."

Are you singing the song of truth in the key of love?

John 1:17, "...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ...."

Psalm 85:10 (NKJV), "*Mercy and truth* have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed."

Matthew 24:9-12, "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, **the love of most will grow cold**."

Revelation 2:7, "To the one who conquers...."