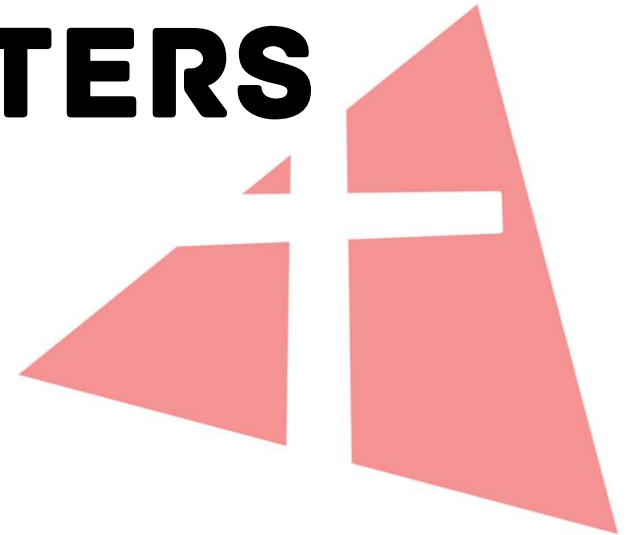


# **JESUS' SEVEN LETTERS**

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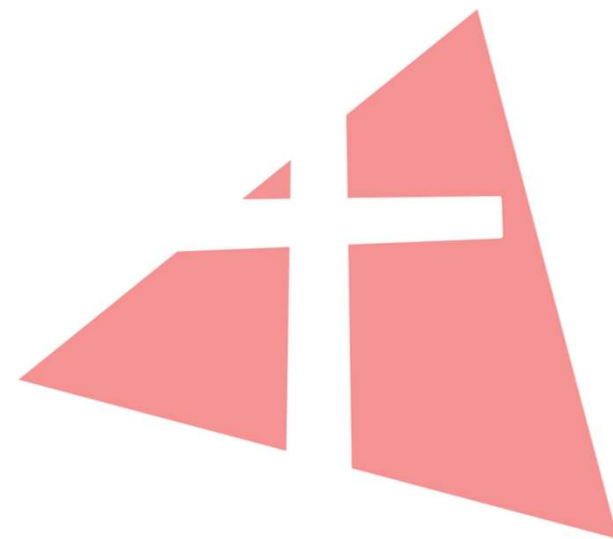
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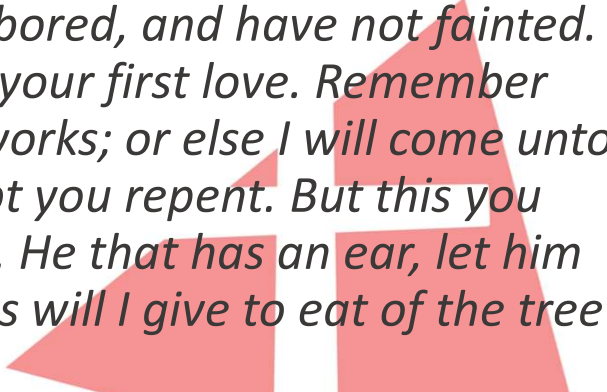
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- Jesus' seven letters



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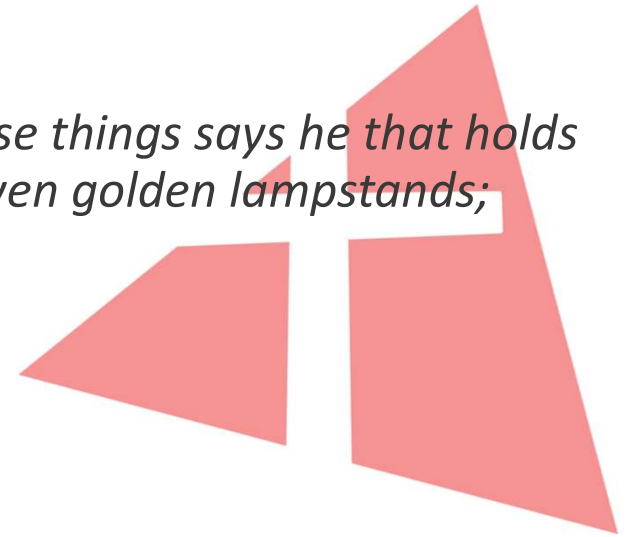
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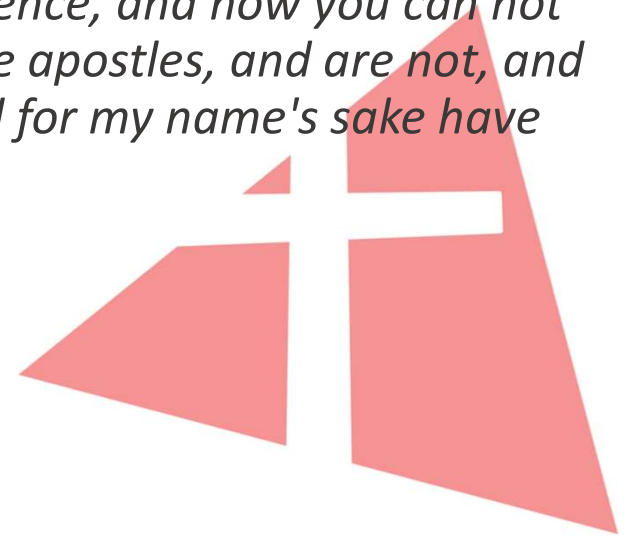
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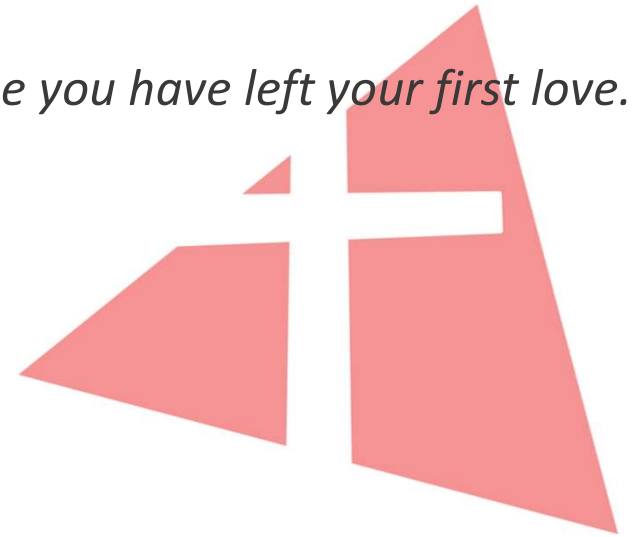
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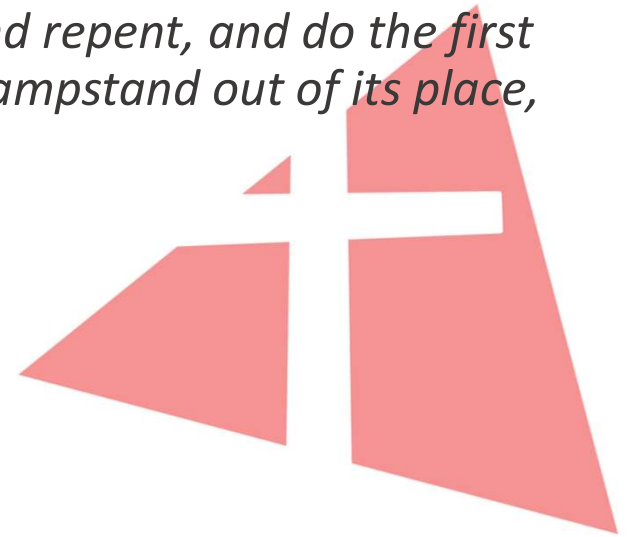
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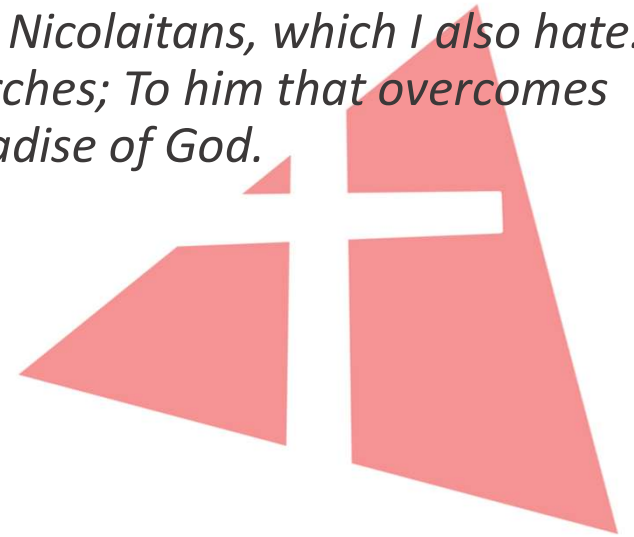
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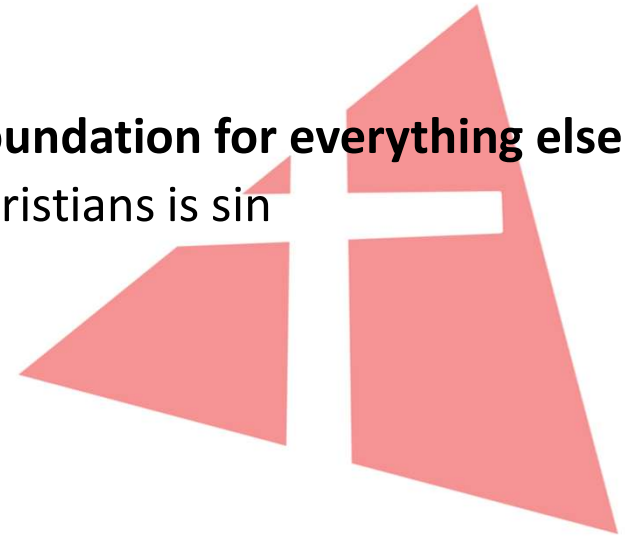
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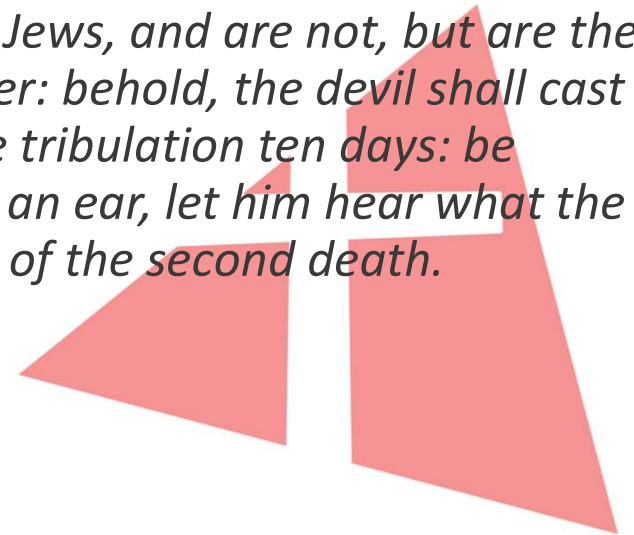
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- **Jesus is not saying**
  - You don't work hard enough
  - You shouldn't work
- **Jesus' message: A love relationship with Jesus has to be the foundation for everything else**
  - Not loving Jesus like we loved Him when we first became Christians is sin
  - Our works cannot save us



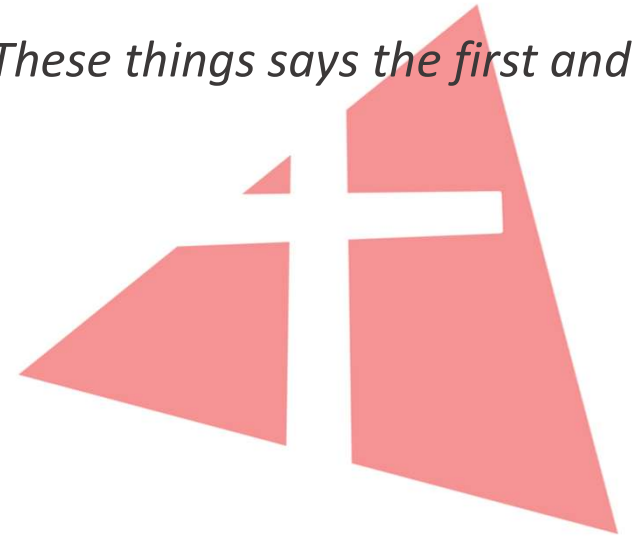
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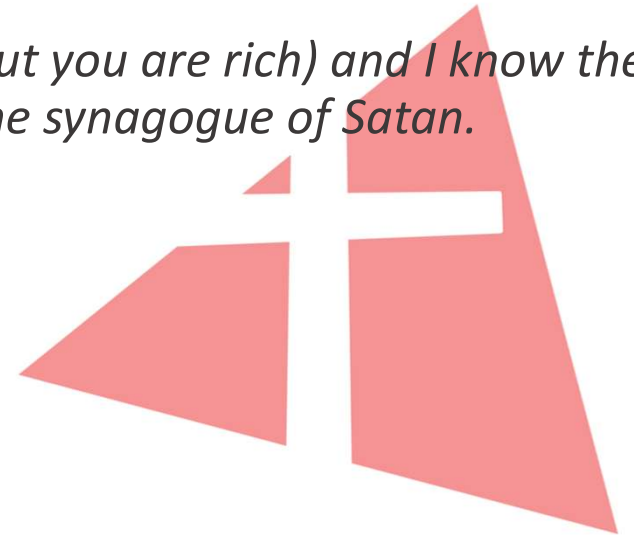
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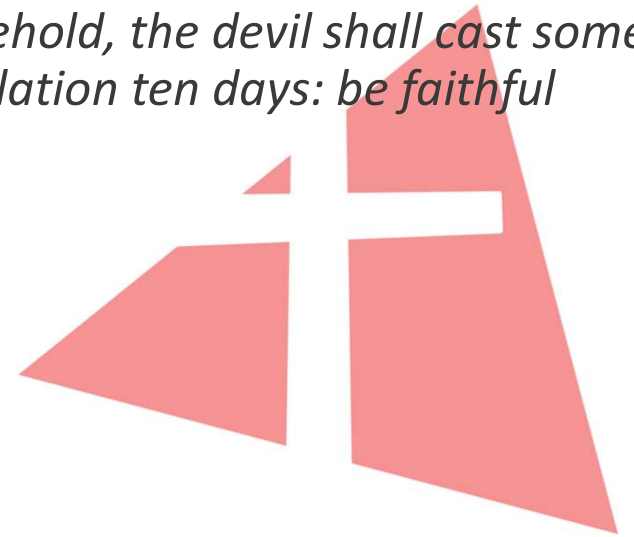
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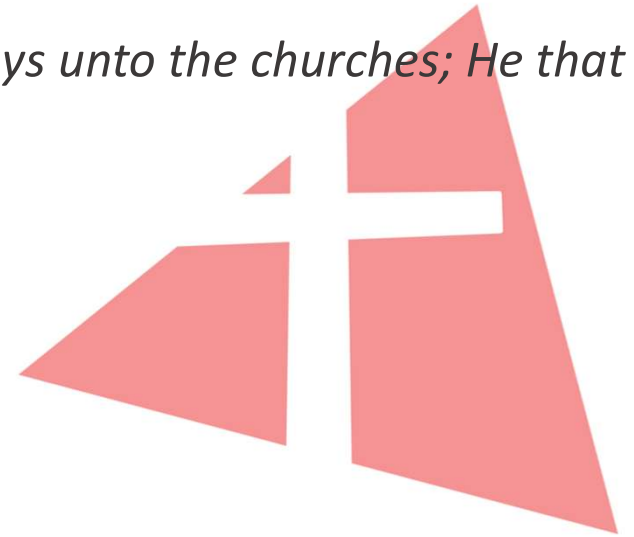
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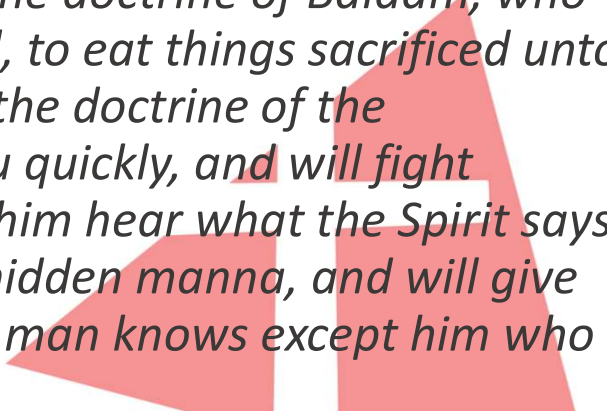
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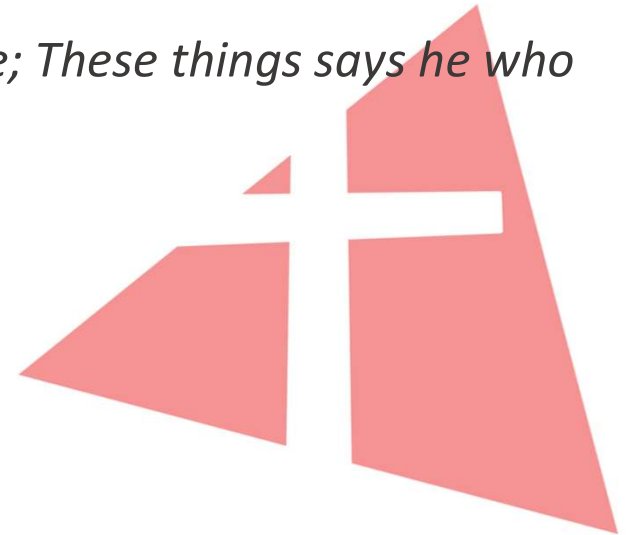
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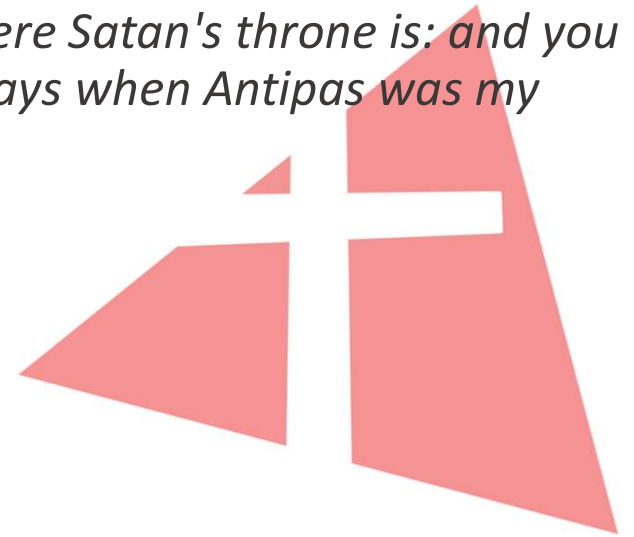
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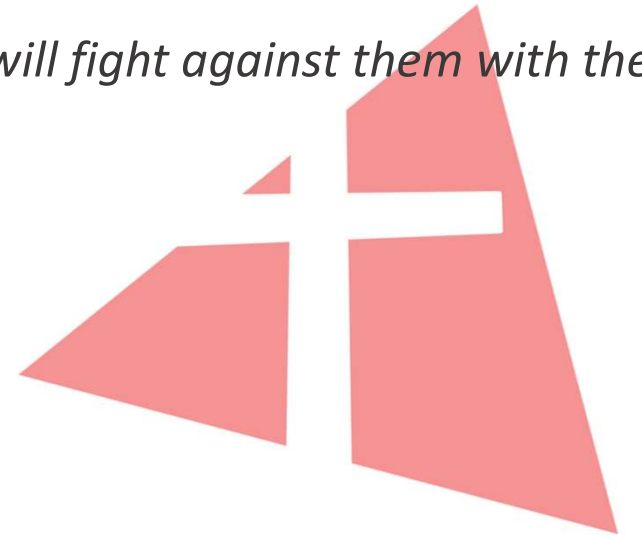
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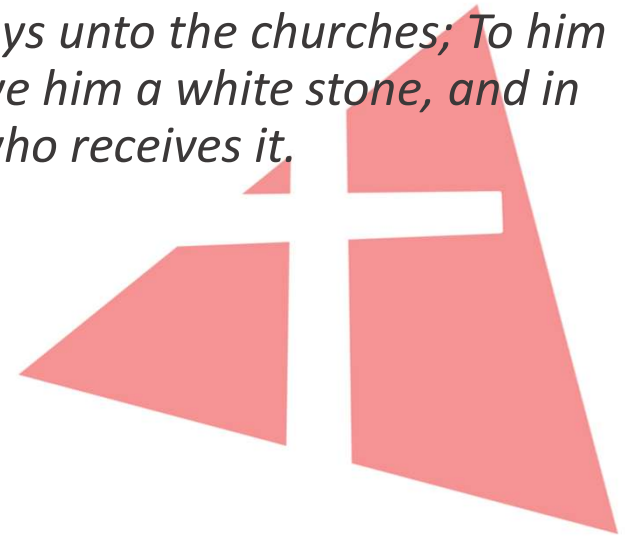
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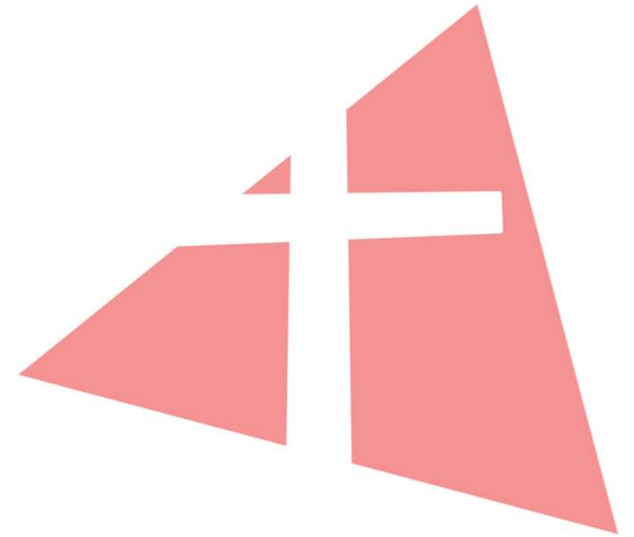
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# WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

- **The specific application is different from person to person**
- **But Jesus often uses 3 steps to lead us to repentance**
  - Remember who Jesus is
  - Acknowledge your sin
  - Receive hope and encouragement



# WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

- Let's reflect Jesus' way when we repent
- Let's reflect Jesus' way when we help others towards repentance

