THREE R’S OF THE GOSPEL

INTRODUCTION
I. THE THREE R’s OF EDUCATION.
   A. We have come a long way in education the last several years.
   B. Three R’s are still important in education.
II. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, THREE OTHER R’S I BELIEVE TO BE MORE IMPORTANT.
   THE THREE R’S OF RELIGION - PERHAPS YOU’VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM.
   A. The three R’s of education are important to us in the world in which we live.
   B. The three R’s of Religion are important to us in the world to come.
   C. They are found in the following passage. Revelation 2: 1-7

DISCUSSION
I. REMEMBER!
   A. The many things we remember.
      1. Boyhood. Homes when growing up.
      3. Sufferings - Hebrews 10:32
   B. That God’s Son gave his life for you.
      1. ROM 5:8; 2. 1 Corinthians 15:3; 3. JOHN 3: 16-17; 4. 2 Corinthians 8:9; 5. 1 Peter 2:24
   C. From whence you are fallen - your first love.
      1. How thrilling and exciting first love is.
      2. How much you wanted to do. Romans 12: 1
      3. How much you wanted to learn. 2 Timothy 2: 15; 2 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3: 18
   D. Remember the promises you made.
      1. All made promises to themselves and families.
      2. Promises you made to God. Foxhole, sickness, calamity.
II. REPENT!
   A. Difficulty to get people to do.
      1. Many things easy.
      2. Difficult for us to do it and therefore difficult to get others to.
      3. To bring one to regret something he has enjoyed.
      4. There is pleasure in sin. Hebrews 11:25
   B. Command to repent. Necessity of it!
      1. Burden of John’s preaching. Matthew 3:2
2. God wishes it! 2 Peter 3:9
3. Godly sorrow leads to it. 2 Corinthians 7:9-10
C. What is it?
   1. Matt 21:28-29
   2. Matt 12:41; JONAH 3:10

III. RETURN - DO FIRST WORKS!
   A. Remembering motivates returning.
   B. Do that for which ye were created.
   C. Return to:
      1. Love - 1 Thess 4:9; Matt 22:39
      2. Prayer - JAM 5:16
      3. Study - 2 Tim 2; 15; John 5:39
      4. Service - Hebrews 12:28

CONCLUSION
   I. IF YOU WILL NOT RETURN, YOU CANDLESTICK WILL BE REMOVED.
   II. IF YOU WILL, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE IN THE HOLY CITY.