

## What's Love Got to Do with It?

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Text: Revelation 2:1-7

**Passage Summary**: As we await the imminent return of Christ in these last days, one thing is certain; Jesus has something to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1**: See that when it comes to the church in the last days, \_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_ has everything to do with it! (2:1-7)

### Portrait of the Glorified Christ

"These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:" **Revelation 2:1, cf 1:12-13** 

Application: Recognize when it comes to the church in the last days...

• Love for Christ inspires a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_! (v.1-2a, 3)

"You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary." **Revelation 2:3** 

### See that staying the course involves a faith that...

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Works \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of \_\_\_\_\_\_!

\_\_\_\_\_\_through it \_\_\_\_\_!

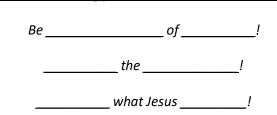
Remember: When it comes to staying the course, if it was \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ would be doing it; but those who do are those who are growing in their love for Christ!

• Love for Christ inspires a commitment to stand for \_\_\_\_\_! (v.2b, 6)

"I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false." **Revelation 2b** 

# See that standing for truth involves a resolve to...



**<u>Remember</u>**: When it comes to standing for the truth, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ for this kind of commitment has never been \_\_\_\_\_\_ but with all that is at stake in this last hour, this kind of commitment has never been more important!

• The moment we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_ for Christ, it is the beginning of the end! (v.4-5)

"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love." **Revelation 2:4-5** 

### When love for Christ is lacking...

Beware of \_\_\_\_\_: We don't lose our first love, we leave it over time!

Be quick to make R + R + R your greatest priority: \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ yourself to Christ!

**<u>Remember</u>**: When it comes to leaving our love for Christ, the consequences are \_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_\_ for those who are humble enough to remember, repent, and recommit themselves to Christ!

### Portrait of Paradise

"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." **Revelation 2:7** 

<u>Core Conviction to Live By:</u> Resolutely determine to live daily in light of the sacrificial love of the cross, for only as we dwell on this glorious reality can we cultivate a \_\_\_\_\_\_ for Christ that stands the test of \_\_\_\_\_!