



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...

_____!

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...

Be _____ of _____!

_____ the _____!

_____ what Jesus _____!

Remember: 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!

Remember: 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

Core Conviction to Live By: 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 _____!