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**“COMMENDED, YET CORRECTED...
WHEN THE LOVE IS GONE”**

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

COLOSSIANS 3:12

**Make allowance for each other's faults,
and forgive anyone who offends you.
Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you
must forgive others.**

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

COLOSSIANS 3:14

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

COLOSSIANS 3:15

THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES SHARE A SIMILAR STRUCTURE. THEY EACH FEATURE:

An address to a particular congregation

An introduction of Jesus

An attribute of Jesus

A statement regarding the condition of the church

A verdict from Jesus regarding the condition of the church

A command from Jesus to the church

A general exhortation to all Christians

A promise of reward

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

JOHN 10:28

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

JOHN 10:29

I and *My* Father are one."

JOHN 10:30

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

HEBREWS 4:13

LABOR

**Does not simply mean to work. It means,
“to labor to the point of exhaustion.”**

**Exhausting physical or mental labor and
in some contexts describes work that is
full of difficulties, hardships, or burdens.**

PATIENCE

Steadfastness endurance under extreme hardships or trial.

**So do not throw away this confident trust
in the Lord. Remember the great reward
it brings you!**

HEBREWS 10:35

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

HEBREWS 10:36

**“For in just a little while, the Coming One
will come and not delay.**

HEBREWS 10:37

**And my righteous ones will live by faith.
But I will take no pleasure in anyone who
turns away."**

HEBREWS 10:38

But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

HEBREWS 10:39

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

ACTS 20:28

**For I know this, that after my departure
savage wolves will come in among you,
not sparing the flock.**

ACTS 20:29

Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

ACTS 20:30

Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

ACTS 20:31

“This was grand of them: it showed a backbone of truth. I wish some of the churches of this age had a little of this holy decision about them; for nowadays if a man be clever; he may preach the vilest lie that was ever vomited from the mouth of hell, and it will go down with some.”

SPURGEON

Let us not grow weary or become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in.

GALATIANS 6:9 AMP

LOST

To no longer be in the possession, control of something, vanished or spent. No longer known or practiced. It's lost; you don't know where it is.

LEFT

To go away from or be abandoned. Clearly, this love is not completely gone out of existence or else how could they return to it?

WHAT IS “FIRST LOVE”?

It is the devotion to Christ that so often characterizes the new believer: fervent, personal, uninhibited, excited, and openly displayed. It is the “honeymoon love” of the husband and wife (Jer. 2:1–2). While it is true that mature married love deepens and grows richer, it is also true that it should never lose the excitement and wonder of those “honeymoon days.”

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

HEBREWS 2:1 KJV

So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

HEBREWS 2:1 NLT

DRIFTING

**To flow by, to slip away, to fall away
from duty**

**Let everything you do be done in love
[motivated and inspired by God's love
for us].**

I CORINTHIANS 16:14 AMP

3 R'S - REMEMBER, REPENT, RETURN

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:5