

15. In what condition does Jesus want to present His bride (the church) to God (*Ephesians 5:27*)?

What responsibility does each one of us have in this?

Reflection Questions: Would Jesus commend me for my love, faith, service, and perseverance? Am I truly committed to ministry? In what ways do I serve? Am I currently tolerating some sin in my life? What will I do about it?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

When love and faith characterize a church, the result will always be an excess of service and endurance.

Divine judgment in this world is redemptive more than it is punitive; its purpose is to wake people up and bring them back to God.

Grant R. Osborne

It is by faithful allegiance to the cause of Christ that believers overcome in the hostile environment of pagan values and practices.

Robert H. Mounce

Holiness of life and character is another indispensable mark of the real Christian and of the true church.

Works are never the ground or means of our salvation, but they are the necessary evidence of it, and therefore they constitute an excellent basis for judgment.

John Stott

Happy is the man who feels that his inmost desires and thoughts can bear the scrutiny of both men and God.

The Christian life does not consist in one victory over sin; it consists in a life-long fidelity which defies every assault of sin.

William Barclay

The proof of authentic trust in Jesus is steadfastness of belief and continuance in the will of God till Christ returns or death comes.

Alan Johnson



Revelation 2:18-29

Sermon
Notes

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1. The Charge (18)
2. The City (18)
3. The Church (18)
4. The Correspondent (18)
5. The Commendation (19)
 - A. Love
 - B. Faith
 - C. Service
 - D. Perseverance
6. The Condemnation (20-23)
7. The Counsel (24-25)
8. The Challenge (26-28)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. How is Jesus portrayed to the church at Thyatira (*Revelation 2:18*)? What do these images suggest?

In *Revelation 1:13*, Jesus is referred to as *the Son of man*. In *2:18* He's called *the Son of God*. Why is His title changed here?

How do you think this struck the people of this church?

3. What does Jesus commend this church for (*Revelation 2:19*)?

4. What did Jesus have against the church at Thyatira (*Revelation 2:20-23*)?

5. Who was *the woman Jezebel* in Thyatira (*Revelation 2:20*)?

Who did she influence?

Why would her teaching be attractive to the Christians in Thyatira?

6. How did the Jezebel in the Old Testament corrupt the nation of Israel? How did God punish her (*1 Kings 16:31; 18:4; 21:25; 2 Kings 9:22, 30-37*)?

7. What would be *Jezebel's* punishment from Jesus be (*Revelation 2:22*)?

8. What would be the punishment of those who followed Jezebel's teachings be (*Revelation 2:22-23*)? Why the difference?

9. If Jezebel lived today, what sins might she be encouraging Christians to compromise with?

10. In *Revelation 2:23* Jesus says He will judge *each one ... according to their deeds*? Does this mean salvation is by works? Explain.

11. What does Jesus exhort the faithful Thyatiran Christians to do (*Revelation 2:25*)? What does this mean?

12. What does Jesus promise those who overcome (*Revelation 2:26-28*)? What will He give them? What does this mean?

13. How do the following verses help explain *Revelation 2:27*?
Matthew 5:5 — *1 Corinthians 6:2* —

Matthew 25: 21, 23 — *Revelation 5:10* —

14. How can we as individuals and as a church avoid being deceived like the church in Thyatira?