

“Thyatira: The Church of Compromise” 8/19/18

Revelation 2:18-29

Sermon Series- “Jesus’ Message to the Seven Churches of Revelation”

Name- “Continual sacrifice”

Economic – City of average wealth and gateway to Pergamum. Many trade guilds.

Political – Pliny the Elder says, “A city of no 1st rate dignity.”

Religious – Temples to Artemis and Apollo, but not famous or intrusive.

- A. The letter to the church contains the **CORRESPONDENT’S TITLE**
(Rev 1:14-15; Son of God; Eyes like fire, feet like Fine Bronze; Dan 10:6)

“For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes.” Jeremiah 16:17 (Also Hebrews 4:13)

- B. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **COMMENDATION**
He knows their works:

1) **LOVE & SERVICE** (John 14:15; **1 Peter 4:10-11**)

2) **FAITH & STEADFAST ENDURANCE** (Heb 11:1-6; James 1:2-12)

3) **GROWING IN SERVICE** (Ezek 33:12-20; 2 Tim 4:7)

- C. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CRITICISM**

1) They tolerated the false Prophetess named Jezebel. One person!
(1 Kings 17-21; 2 Kings 9:22) sought to replace God’s Word with a substitute which brought judgment)

2) They allowed teachings of sexual immorality and idol worship.

- D. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **COUNSEL**

1) Repent, Hold fast to what we have as we wait for His coming!

- E. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CONSEQUENCE**

(2:23; Jesus will kill her “children” with death and tribulation)

“I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.” Jeremiah 17:10

- F. The letter to the church contains Jesus’ **CLOSURE**

(Faith and Patience- Hebrews 6:12; Power to rule and the Morning Star)
(Ps 2:8-9; Rev 3:21; 20:4; 1 Cor 6:3; 2 Tim 2:12; Rom 8:17; Luke 19:17)

Going Deeper God wants us to never tolerate Evil or Compromise and to stay focused on love and service, faith and patience, and holiness!

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples