

“What Does Jesus Want to Say to Our Church? Thyatira: The Corrupt Church”

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Revelation 2:18-29

BIG IDEA: Christ-followers are to be in the world, but not of it.

Commission (v18a)

Character (v 18b)

- Jesus is God!
- Jesus is Judge!

Commendation (v19)

- Jesus gives high marks for sacrificial commitment to God and others.
- Jesus gives high marks for the walk that matches the talk.
- Jesus gives high marks for a servant attitude.
- Jesus gives high marks for following through.
- Jesus gives high marks for multiplying yourself.

Condemnation (v20-21)

- Jesus is not pleased when the Church tolerates:
 - ...those who claim to speak for Him, but don't worship, walk, work and witness for Him.

- ...those who lead other people astray.
- Jesus is not pleased when the Church ignores His reproof.

Command (v 22-25)

- The Judge: “Overruled.”
- The Judge: “Guilty as charged.”
- The Judge: “The sentence: Death.”

Challenge (v 26-28)

- Conquering overcomers have right priorities.
- Conquering overcomers share Jesus' authority.
- Conquering overcomers inherit the Light of the World.

Call (v 29)

- A letter to one church.
- A message for all.

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Read: Re-read Revelation 2:18-29

Think: Ponder Jesus' message to this church, and then ask yourself the following questions: What does the symbolic name “Jezebel” reveal about the woman in this church? How does Jesus describe Himself? What is He saying about Himself? Why is this appropriate for the church at Thyatira? How does this characterization of Jesus impact you? What are the strengths and weaknesses of this church? How is the nature and source of the temptation in Thyatira like (and unlike) that in Pergamum? What does Jesus' promise in v 26-28 mean?

Do: Identify which of the qualities in v 19 apply to you this week and why. Who or what has played a role similar to Jezebel in your life? How? How did the Lord Jesus free you from that influence? Is there anything or anyone you need to “put to bed” that may be bringing you down or may be distracting you from your loyalty to Jesus? What do you appreciate most about the promise to the faithful conquering overcomer in this section? Why?