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The Corrupt Church **Revelation 2:18-29**

I. The Setting / Speaker (v. 18)

- A. The city (Acts 16:14)
- B. The church
- C. The characteristic of _____ emphasized (Lk. 1:35; Jn. 5:19-24)

II. The Strengths (v. 19)

- A. _____ (Eph. 2:10)
- B. Love (Deut. 6:5; Jn. 13:34-35)
- C. _____ (Heb. 11:1)
- D. Service (Psa. 100:2)
- E. _____ (Rev. 2:2; 3:10)
- F. Growth (2 Pet. 1:5-8)

III. The Sin / Suffering (vv. 20-23)

- A. The _____ of Jezebel (vv. 20-22a) [2 Kgs. 9:30-37; 1 Tim. 2:12; 1 Cor. 10:13]
- B. The _____ with Jezebel (v. 22b) [Prov. 6:27]
- C. The _____ of Jezebel (v. 23) [Matt. 7:16; 16:27; Rom. 2:6; 2 Tim. 4:14; 1 Jn. 5:16; 1 Cor. 11:29-30]

IV. The Solution (vv. 24-25)

- A. Stay _____ from Jezebel's teaching (v. 24) [Rom. 12:9]
- B. Stay _____ on Christ (v. 25) [2 Tim. 2:22]

V. The Summation (vv. 26-29)

- A. The faithful over-comer (v. 26a)
- B. The _____ promise (vv. 26b-28) [Psa. 2:8-9; Rev. 22:16]
- C. The final counsel (v. 29)

TAKE HOME

- How can a church like this have incredible strengths and glaring weaknesses at the same time?
- How can you be strong against the seduction of Jezebel?
- How do you hold fast to God's Word and stay focused on Christ?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Revelation 2:18. What did we learn about Thyatira today? (Acts 16:14)
From where did their persecution come from? Have you ever experienced this kind of persecution? What did you do about it?

2. How does the characteristic of Christ emphasized in this verse encourage you?
How does it scare you? How will it change you? (Lk. 1:35; Jn. 5:19-24)

3. Read Revelation 2:19. What strengths of the church of Thyatira do we see in this verse? How does this verse challenge you and our church today? (Eph. 2:10; Deut. 6:5; Jn. 13:34-35; Heb. 11:1; Psalms. 100:2; Rev. 2:2; 3:10; 2 Pet. 1:5-8)

4. Read Revelation 2:20-23. What did the Lord Jesus have against the church of Thyatira? What was Jezebel’s teaching? (2 Kgs. 9:30-37; 1 Tim. 2:12) Why didn’t she repent? Can you identify with the struggle to repent of coveted sins? What happens if you don’t?

5. Read Revelation 2:24-25. What are the deep things of Satan? Is the burden of true believers the same as the burden of those given over to their sin? Explain. What are we to do to stay away from Jezebel? (Rom. 12:9; 2 Tim. 2:22)

6. Read Revelation 2:26-29. What promises are given to those who overcome? What encouragement does that bring you today? (Psalms. 2:8-9; Rev. 22:16)

7. What life lessons have you learned today? Which one of the take home points challenges you or encourages you the most? What change do you think you need to make as result of this letter to Thyatira?

“In the case of the church of Thyatira, as of the churches in Sardis and Laodicea, the situation was far more serious. Here not merely a small minority was indifferent, but large numbers had actually yielded to the demoralizing influences of false teaching.”

- Charles Erdman