



Identifying and Resisting False Teaching

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Revelation 2:18-29

"To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

An ordinary church and city with extraordinary challenges.



Getting the [Picture](#): (A Vision)

The Son of God (v.18)

Eyes like blazing fire (v.18)

These are good people who are really trying (v.19)

How do you respond to the spiritual reality that the piercing eyes of the Son of God are focused on you and His beloved church (bride)?

Getting the [Message](#) (Understanding God's Truth)

A church to bless and celebrate (v.19)

Nevertheless! I have this against you (v.20)

The problem with tolerating false teaching is huge danger

- Sexual Immorality (sin against people)
- Idol Worship (sin against God)

God always desires repentance over judgment: Jezebel and her followers (v.21-22)

God will bring righteous and redemptive judgement if repentance is rejected (v.20-23)

God searches hearts, minds, and watches our actions, He does not look the other way (v.23)

What can you do to grow in your knowledge of God's Word and commitment to its truth?

Getting a [Move on It!](#) (Taking action in our life and the Church)

We Will

- Keep moving forward and doing more than we did at first. Sanctification and spiritual growth. (v.19)

We Will

- Recognize false teaching because we know the Word of God (v.20)

We Will

- Repent of sexual immorality. No matter how “acceptable” it might be in our world) (v.20)

We Will

- Repent of idolatry, no matter how common it is (v.20)

If Jesus came to you and said, “It is time to repent,” what is the first thing that would come to your mind?

We Will

- Search our hearts and minds and watch our deeds (v.23)

We Will

- Hold on to what We have until Jesus returns (v.25)

We Will

- Live in the victory of Jesus and do His will to the end (v.26)