

**Revelation 2:18-29** – *“To the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church of Tolerance” (part 2 – only worse)*

- I. **7 letters** – 3 down, 4 to go...
- A. Church 1 – left their first \_\_\_\_\_. Church 2 – experienced intense \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Church 3 – the church of 21<sup>st</sup> century tolerance.
- II. **Revelation 2:18** – *Church 4: Thyatira?*
- A. It's next in the sequence – from Ephesus to Smyrna to Pergamum – southeast \_\_\_\_ miles...
- B. The least impressive of the 7 – it was tied to the city of Pergamum...
- C. Eventually became an important city for commerce – cloths, leather, bronze etc...
- D. Each had their own trade guilds – patron \_\_\_\_\_ & particular feasts and festivals...
- E. Most significant person from Thyatira in the Bible – Acts 16:14 & \_\_\_\_\_
- III. **Revelation 2:18** – *The Speaker?*
- A. Eyes like blazing fire – He refines & purifies; fierce judgment; \_\_\_\_\_ understanding
- B. Feet like burnished bronze – the glory of God; perfect purity...
- C. Son of God – points to intimate, unique relationship w/ God; He is just like the Father, one with God.
- D. Son of God – proclamation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, of His divine power and His right to judge.
- IV. **Revelation 2:19**: *What Jesus Knows About Them...(part 1)*
- A. Commended for their deeds or works – their love, faith, service & perseverance...
- B. Commended because their deeds of late are greater than at first...
- C. Abundant love is seen in their acts of \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Profound faith (faithfulness?) shown to be true by their \_\_\_\_\_ in midst of trials...
- E. More recent deeds greater manifestation of these in either quality, quantity or both
- V. **Revelation 2:20**: *What Jesus Knows About Them...(part 2)*
- A. They have an internal problem – they \_\_\_\_\_ this woman Jezebel, a self-declared prophetess...
- B. Result of her teaching – leading bond-servants of Jesus to go astray:
1. They are committing acts of immorality... } Take us back to \_\_\_\_\_ Council
  2. They are eating things sacrificed to \_\_\_\_\_ } Profound, historic decision (Acts 15)
- C. Jezebel – probably not her real name but quite a symbol: wife of Israel's King Ahab
1. Was influential in leading the King to idol worship; destroyed the prophets, threatened Elijah
  2. Incited Ahab to do \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the Lord; a harlot who practiced witchcraft...
- D. Many believe her teaching was directly tied to the guild workers & the pagan worship therein...
- VI. **Revelation 2:21-23**: *The Call to Repent...It's Not Pretty*
- A. Jezebel was given chance to repent – no desire to change. Cast into bed = \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Those who follow after her in her acts – great tribulation promised unless they \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Her “children” are promised death by pestilence!
- D. All this – testimony to all the churches: He has perfect knowledge & judgment (searches...)
- E. He will also give to each according to works (See 1 Cor. \_\_:\_\_) – sinners fear; faithful comforted...
- VII. **Revelation 2:24-25**: *Call...for the rest...*
- A. Who do not hold to her teaching, who have not known deep teaching of Satan – no other \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. “Hold fast to what you have until I come.” Stand true in the face of pressure to compromise...
- VIII. **Revelation 2:26-29**: *Last Call...*
- A. To the overcomer – share in Messiah's victory; reign with Christ; given the \_\_\_\_\_
- B. He has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches...
- IX. **Heed These Things**: *Lessons from the Church in Thyatira...*
- A. We must have zeal for godly discipline & maintain correct doctrine...
- B. God demands that His church be \_\_\_\_\_ – works of service AND grow in all aspects into Christ!
- C. Love, service, faith, perseverance AND care about \_\_\_\_\_ in our midst, not propagating \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Present to the Lord Jesus Christ – Calvary EFC as a pure \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Jesus will eventually deal with \_\_\_\_\_ sin...
- F. Hold fast, Calvary, until He comes – you cannot fathom what He has for you. Can you imagine??

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