

The Corrupt Church

Revelation 2:18-21

Series: What Type of Church Are We?



The Seven Churches



The Seven Churches Historically

<i>Church</i>	<i>Meaning of name</i>	<i>Symbolizing</i>
Ephesus	desire	the first century (apostolic)
Smyrna	persecution/death	the period of persecution
Pergamum	thoroughly married	the age of Constantine
Thyatira	continual sacrifice	the Middle Ages
Sardis	those escaping	the Reformation era
Philadelphia	brotherly love	the modern missionary movement
Laodicea	the people ruling	the apostate church of the last days



Introduction

- **The Author - The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze**
- The Recipients – The church at Thyatira – more particularly to the pastor
- Fault- Following false doctrine
- Thyatira – Continual Sacrifice



Introduction

- **Thyatira was a frontier town—the least important city of the seven mentioned in Revelation. It lay on the road that stretched through a long valley between Pergamum and Sardis.**
- **Its most commendable feature was that it was well off financially due to the corporate guilds of potters, tanners, weavers, dyers, robe makers, etc.**



Introduction

- **It was from this city that Lydia, the seller of purple, came. A cultural center.**
- **Believers had to participate in the community's social and business functions in order to secure themselves and their jobs and in order to prosper.**



Revelation 2:18-29_(NASB)

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.



Revelation 2:18-29_(NASB)

20 'But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of immorality* and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 'I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.



Revelation 2:18-29_(NASB)

22 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed of *sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.



Revelation 2:18-29_(NASB)

24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;



Revelation 2:18-29_(NASB)

27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;
28 and I will give him the morning star.
29 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'



I. The Commendation

18. 'I know your ... love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

Works are well and good in their proper place, but they become a deadly peril when they come between the soul and Christ. Worship, in Scripture, comes before service.



2. The Complaint

20 'But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of immorality* and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Jezebel's teaching corrupted the Israel



2. The Complaint

22 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed of *sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

God will not tolerate a non repenting soul



3. The Lord's Response

25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

26 'He who overcomes...to him I will give authority over the nations;

This is the language of Psalm 2, which anticipates the day when the Lord Jesus Christ will return to smash His foes and to set up His righteous kingdom on earth. The saints are going to have their share in that.



3. The Lord's Response

28 and I will give him the morning star.

The "*morning star*," of course is the Lord Jesus Himself.
Possessing Him, we possess all.



Are we corrupt?

A person who has an ear, let us hear what the Spirit says to this church. Let us separate from the world. Let us never compromise and become corrupted with the sins of the world. Let us never allow a Jezebel—a compromising or corrupt person—to have influence in our church or lives.

