

**Revelation 2:18-29**

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Christ's Address to the Church of Thyatira  
Part 1

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**Sexual Immorality Destroys People**

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? May it never be! Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, "The two shall become one flesh." But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

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**The Unique Issue With Sexual Sin**

This Age:  
Satan's  
Realm

The Coming  
Age: Jesus'  
Realm

1 Cor. 6:18-19 Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

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**The Correction and Promise**

Revelation 2:16-17 'Therefore repent or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

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**Pergamum Review**

Church at Pergamum:  
Commendable: Held fast to Christ and didn't deny the faith  
Rebuke: Had some who held to Nicolaitan doctrines  
Correction: Repent  
Promise: 2:17 ...I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'



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**The "Tolerant" Church of Thyatira**

- Thyatira was known for its trade guilds (Acts 16:14)
- The trade guilds had "pet gods" that gave prosperity
- Jezebel was a false prophetess who taught that pagan temple practices were no problem for the Christian

1 Corinthians 8:4 Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

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**Jesus' Address**

Revelation 2:18-19 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:

Revelation 2:20 '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.

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**How Do We Address False Teaching?**

**1. You suspect the teacher is a believer:**

Matthew 18:15-18 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 "Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have

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**How Do We Address False Teaching?**

**2. Dealing with a factious man/unbeliever:**

Titus 3:10-11 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, 11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

**3. Public false teaching should be corrected publicly:**

Galatians 2:14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

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