

**Revelation 2:18-29**

Christ's Address to the Church of Thyatira  
Part 2

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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.

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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### Jesus Will Punish Jezebel and Her Followers

Revelation 2:21-23 'I gave her time to repent, and **she does not want to repent** of her immorality. 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.

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### Jesus Exempts the Rest From Further "Burden"

Revelation 2:24-25 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**.

1 John 1:8-10 **If we say that we have no sin**, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 **If we say that we have not sinned**, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

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### Imminence Summary

Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must **take place soon...**  
Rev. 2:5 ...repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else **I am coming** to you and will remove your lampstand  
Rev. 2:16 repent; or else **I am coming to you quickly**, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.  
Rev. 2:25 ...what you have, hold fast **until I come**.  
Rev. 3:3 ...if you do not wake up, **I will come like a thief**, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.  
Rev. 3:11 '**I am coming quickly**'; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

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### Overcomers Are Promised to Rule With Jesus

Revelation 2:26-29 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 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.'

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