

Revelation 2:18-29
THYATIRA – Corruption Within

GOD – Who will judge the earth! (18) – ***a warning for those who tolerate false teaching/practice***

The Son of God (John 5:22/II Corinthians 5:10/Revelation 20:11-12) – ***all will stand before Him***

The Eyes of Blazing Fire (Revelation 1:14; 19:12) – ***He is zealous to judge wickedness***

The Feet of Burnished Bronze – ***He who will judge bore the judgment for us (I Peter 2:24)***

Good Deeds (19) – ***they are not weighed on a scale to counteract wickedness***

Love, faith, service, perseverance and doing more than at first (Galatians 2:15-16)

Lacking what will forego judgment (Ephesians 5:5-7/II Corinthians 6:14-7:1) – ***be separated***

Great Danger (20) – ***when we turn anywhere else, only Jesus and His Word can save***

First love lost (John 14:15, 23) – ***compromise leads to corruption, love leads to obedience***

False teaching tolerated (Jezebel) (II Corinthians 11:3-4/II Kings 4:40-41) – ***like poison***

Because of her influence (Deuteronomy 7:16; 20:17-18) – ***many led astray***

Because of her power (Isaiah 14:13/Matthew 4:8-9) – ***evil seeks power***

Godless Teaching (20-23) (I Timothy 6:3-5) – ***looks to personal gain***

Appeals to our flesh leading to ***immorality*** (Numbers 25:5-12; 31:16/II Peter 2:18-19)

Appeals to our pride and self, leading to ***idolatry*** (Hebrews 11:24-26) – ***better to face shame***

Going the Distance (24-29) – ***we are running a marathon (I Corinthians 9:24-27)***

Avoiding the seduction of her teaching – Satan’s so-called secrets (Acts 20:27) – ***nothing to hide***

Anchoring yourself in the truth you have received (Philippians 3:13-16) – ***not going backward***

Authority will be given to us by Jesus in His Kingdom – ***all authority is His (Matthew 28:18)***

We will rule the nations with Him (Revelation 20:6) – ***those of the 1st resurrection***

We will be given the morning star (Isaiah 14:12/Malachi 4:2/II Peter 1:19/Rev. 22:16)

The first gleam of light as the Sun of Righteousness reigns

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Why might you be fearful to stand before Jesus as your judge? (Mt. 12:36-37 / Heb. 4:13)

Everything uncovered and laid bare, including every careless word that has come out of my mouth. Apart from the blood of Jesus by which I have been cleansed, I would have no hope.

How can we not be afraid? (I Jn. 4:16-18)

God is love! When I am secure in His love, walking in relationship with Him, I have no reason to fear. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1) Nothing in all creation can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39)

Why are our good works not sufficient to please God even if they are increasing?

(Isaiah 64:6/John 15:5/Jeremiah 17:9) ***Even our righteous acts are filthy rags in God's sight. Anything we do apart from God working in us is for our own selfish motives. I am unable to even accurately evaluate what I do, because my own heart is desperately wicked.***

Why is it so dangerous to tolerate false teaching? (I Corinthians 5:6-8)

A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough. Mixing false teaching with truth leads to deception and evil. We are to be the bread of sincerity and truth. The church is to be the pillar and foundation of truth (I Timothy 3:14-15)

How can we protect ourselves from the influence of false teaching? (at least 5 ways)

(Acts 17:11; 20:28-32 / Romans 12:1-2 / Proverbs 3:5-6 / I Timothy 4:11-16 / II Timothy 3:14-17)

Test everything with the truth of Scripture. Yield yourself to God as an instrument for His purpose. Do not trust your own understanding, but fully trust God and His Word. Be sure your life is being changed by His word – not trying to mold His word to your life. My teaching (belief) and practice must be aligned with His word. I need to take in the whole counsel of His word that I might be equipped to serve Him.

Are you practicing these things? (James 1:21-22; 3:13-17 / Hebrews 5:12- 6:3)

To tolerate evil and false teaching – to not put God's word into practice – is to be deceived. To say one thing and do another will not work with God who sees and knows all things. I cannot practice these things unless I am filled with His Spirit, choosing to walk with Him (Galatians 6:7-8)

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