

Thyatira:
The False Church
Revelation 2:18-29
Wednesday, August 24rd, 2022

1. Thyatira is the church of the DARK AGES.
2. The city was famous for the manufacture of DYED CLOTH.
3. Thyatira comes from the words: (1) CONTINUAL and, (2) SACRIFICE.
4. Heresy falls into one of two basic categories:
 - a. False concept of the DEITY of Christ.
 - b. Mixing WORKS with faith.

Jesus said: "It is finished"

5. Paul's first convert in Europe was a woman named LYDIA from Thyatira.
6. We know for certain that a woman played a part in the FLOUNDERING of the church, if not the FOUNDING of the Church.
7. Son of God: DEITY.
8. Son of Man: HUMANITY.
9. Jesus reminds the church that He has:
 - a. Eyes like BLAZING FIRE (omniscience).
 - b. Feet like BURNISHED BRONZE (omnipotence).
10. The emphasis of Thyatira was on WORKS:
11. WORSHIP comes before service.
12. Jesus says COME before He says GO.
13. ACTIVITY does not produce SPIRITUALITY.

14. Our Lord's condemnation took two forms:

- a. He condemned her for permitting FALSE TEACHER to lead astray his servants (Jezebel).
- b. He condemned her for not REPENTING when she had the opportunity.

15. The teaching of the false prophetess Jezebel took two forms:

- a. To lead the servants astray into FALSE TEACHING and to COMMIT FORNICATION.
- b. To join in with the world and to EAT THINGS SACRIFICED TO IDOLS.

16. Two common Problems:

- a. IMMORALITY
- b. IDOLATRY

17. Philosophy: "If you can't beat 'em, JOIN them."

18. Major Problem: They allowed EVIL to co-exist with TRUTH.

19. Two Extremes: (Present Today)

- a. Ephesus would not tolerate EVIL but had lost its LOVE.
- b. Thyatira was strong in LOVE but tolerated EVIL (Liberalism).

Principle: All who overcome in this life through faith and perseverance will receive eternal life and share in Christ's rule.

Applications at this point:

1. LOVE Christ supremely and LOVE one another with God's kind of love.
2. Be STEADFAST in persecution and suffering.
3. Hold firmly to the TRUTH.
4. Live a life of MORAL PURITY Be hagas, holy.
5. Stay alert to possibility of FALSE TEACHERS.