

**I. THE ACCOLADE OF THE LORD**

- A. Thyatira located about 50 miles EAST of Pergamos, known for dyed cloth
  - 1. This work done through Lydia – ACTS 16:12-15
  - 2. Once again, the Lord speaks to this church through the Pastor
  - 3. Always good to be in church – never know what you might miss
    - a. Think about the service Thomas missed when the Lord appeared
    - b. Think about what it was like the day these letters arrived
    - c. There are times when we are providentially hindered
    - d. But whenever we can, if any way possible, let's assemble together
- B. Jesus mentions FIVE commendable things:
  - 1. Works
    - a. There's a new idea of legalism that is popping up
    - b. The idea that legalism is not just about Salvation but Sanctification
      - i. They say you aren't sanctified if your attitude isn't right
      - ii. My children still obey when their attitude isn't right!
      - iii. JOHN 14:15 – "If ye love me, keep my commandments."
    - c. Not FOR Salvation, because OF Salvation!
      - i. Good works is the natural outgrowth of a new creature
      - ii. James says "I will show you my faith BY my works"
      - iii. PHIL. 1:6 – "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"
  - 2. Charity (Love)
    - a. Love is indispensable for the Christian!
    - b. 1 COR. 13:13 – "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.
    - c. Don't get mad at the world and forget LOVE – HE SO LOVED!
  - 3. Patience (Service)
    - a. Not necessarily: "Bearing evils without murmuring or discontent"
    - b. Instead: "Perseverance; constancy in labor or exertion."
  - 4. Faith
    - a. Trusting that the Lord knows where we are – REV. 2:19
    - b. He KNOWS their faith
  - 5. Works (again)
    - a. They had begun to do even MORE for the Lord – He remarks on it
    - b. It is God's will that we grow closer to Him
    - c. It is God's will that our live in Christ Jesus becomes ever MORE!

**II. THE ACCUSATION OF THE LORD**

- A. Let me point out that the Lord had something to tell each of these churches
  - 1. Even at Ephesus He had somewhat AGAINST them – REV. 2:4
  - 2. I love our church – but there is NO perfect church!
  - 3. Why? Because churches are filled with imperfect people!
- B. There was a woman leading them – Called Jezebel
  - 1. God has an order in the home, God has an order in a church
  - 2. She was not the “pastor” – the letter to the church’s angel – REV. 2:18
    - a. But she was teaching heresy – they were SUFFERING it (letting)
    - b. Calling HERSELF a prophetess – that’s a warning right there!
      - i. Prophesying is about the TRUTH
      - ii. God would speak through prophets – FORETELLING
      - iii. BUT NOW! 1 COR. 13:10 – “But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”
      - iv. No more FORETELLING, now we need FORTHTELLING!
  - 3. She was doing FOUR things – REV. 2:20b
    - a. Called herself a prophetess
    - b. Teaching the servants of Christ to commit fornication
    - c. SEDUCING the servants of Christ to commit fornication
    - d. Teaching them to eat things sacrificed to idols
- C. She had brought the world into that church!
- D. And the church in Thyatira TOLERATED it!

### III. THE ATTITUDE OF THE LORD

- A. The Lord does not and cannot tolerate sin
  - 1. Sin is disobedience to God, breaking His Law
  - 2. Sin MUST be judged, or God is not God
  - 3. He does not tolerate it, but He DOES give space for repentance
- B. 2 PETER 3:9 – “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
  - 1. He gave 120 years to the people in Noah’s day! Get in the Ark!
  - 2. He told the Woman at the Well to go call her husband
  - 3. He confronted Pharisees with their SIN instead of killing them instantly!
- C. Where there is no repentance, judgment will follow!
- D. 2 TIM. 4:2 – “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”
- E. But look – She repented not – REV. 2:21
  - 1. She had every opportunity but refused
  - 2. Dear friend if you don’t know Jesus as your one and only Savior today
  - 3. This is your opportunity to turn to Him, let HIM pay for your sin!

### IV. THE ADJUDICATION OF THE LORD

- A. Jesus wants EVERYONE to be Saved because the World is already judged!
  - 1. 1.COR. 11:32 – “But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.”
  - 2. JOHN 16:7-11 – “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (8) And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; (11) Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”
  - 3. GAL. 6:7 – “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”
- B. The followers of heresy in the church at Thyatira will reap what they sow
  - 1. Always reap WHAT you sow, AFTER you sow, and MORE than you sow
  - 2. REV. 2:22-23 – all the participants into GREAT TRIBULATION
  - 3. Bible Truths of HOPE – Your sin affects other people (her children)
- C. Each one would receive a JUST reward – REV. 2:23b

## V. THE ASSURANCE OF THE LORD

- A. The rest of the members there who held fast AGAINST false doctrine and sin
  - 1. Keep going! No other burden – REV. 2:24b
  - 2. The overcomers will rule and reign with Christ in the Millennium
  - 3. Receive the “MORNING STAR” – REV. 2:28
    - a. Dwell in the fullness of Christ FOREVER
    - b. REV. 22:16 – “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”
  - 4. Keep contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints!
- B. Christians – God never condones COMPROMISE, SIN, nor WORLDLINESS
  - 1. Be in the world, but not OF the world
  - 2. For HE has OVERCOME the world – don’t join the losing side!
- C. Lost friend – He has given you space for repentance
  - 1. That simply means a change of heart toward sin
    - a. Seeing yourself as God sees you, a sinner that must be Saved
    - b. Agreeing with God that you cannot save yourself
    - c. Accepting the FREE GIFT of Salvation from Him
  - 2. We ask people at the door – Why should God let you into Heaven?
    - a. Being a “good person” won’t do it. Being “baptized” can’t save.
    - b. You see that God will judge sin – He did in the church of Thyatira
    - c. Only the blood of Jesus can save a soul
    - d. A soul WILLING to turn from self and sin, and turn to God in faith
  - 3. Trust Him – Be Saved today!