

**Seven - Thyatira
(A Tolerant Church)
Revelation 2:18-29
August 8, 2021**

1. In Thyatira the temptation is to be _____ and _____ what they knew to be _____. *(Rev 2:18)*
2. When Jesus refers to Himself as _____ He is saying that He and _____ - The One over all creation. *(Col 1:15-19, Rev 2:19-20, 2 Tim 4:3-4)*
3. God's word does not change because _____. *(Heb. 13:8, Mal 3:6, Rev 2:21, Rev 2:23)*
4. In Thyatira every follower of Christ had to make a choice - would it be _____ or would it be their _____?
5. When we are called to _____ or to _____ things that we know God has said are truth _____? *(Rev 2:28)*

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Revelation is primarily about Jesus. As you browse through this letter to the church at Thyatira, what are some important things that you learn about Jesus our Lord? (see also Heb. 4:13)
2. The initial impression at the beginning of this letter in verse 19 is that this church was rather healthy spiritually and growing in various ways. Try to visualize and describe how these young believers may have been living out the positive traits identified.
3. But going on to verse 20 we read, "Nevertheless, I have this against you." No church is problem-free or sin-free. Some problems are subtle and very dangerous. It is easy for us to brush off what we consider "small sins." But why is it important to deal with all sins big or small?
4. Jesus rebuked the church for being tolerant toward wicked Jezebel (v.20). What may be some reasons why the church or church leaders tolerated Jezebel and her ungodly and misleading teachings; why reluctant to confront wrongs? How about us today as church leaders, fellow believers, or parents - are we guilty at times of the same thing? Why?
5. Some or many at Thyatira had not fallen prey to Jezebel's false and misleading teachings. Jesus had just one word for them: "Hold on to what you have" (verse 25). What do you do to help you stay on-course spiritually? What are some challenges you/we face as we seek to stay on course in an increasingly pagan society when the pressure is on to digress from God's clear word?