



### Thyatira (Background)

1. This is the only church Jesus addresses as the Son of God - Jesus' IDENTITY matters! (Matthew 8:29, 14:33, 16:13-17; John 20:31; 1 John 5:12; Exodus 20:3; Acts 4:12)
2. 'Eyes like a flame and feet like bronze' speak of strength, PURITY, JUDGMENT, and perfect vision. (Revelation 1:15, 2:13; Hebrews 4:13, 12:29; Proverbs 5:21; John 5:22,27,30, 9:39; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Acts 10:42; John 1:48; Proverbs 15:3; Luke 8:17; Jeremiah 23:24)

### The COMMENDATION

3. At a glance, the church in Thyatira is the church you would WANT TO JOIN - and that is commendable! (1 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 John 4:11; John 15:17; Matthew 20:26-28; Galatians 6:2,10; Ephesians 1:15)

### The CENSURE

4. Allowing someone to TEACH what is false and to exercise immoral INFLUENCE over the believers is something God will not tolerate - nor should we. (1 Kings 16-21; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Romans 1:32; Ephesians 5:11; James 4:17; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 1 Timothy 5:20; John 10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Acts 20:28; Matthew 7:15)
5. Love does NOT equal unconditional AFFIRMATION. (Romans 1:32, 12:9; Galatians 6:1; Proverbs 12:1; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-2)

### The CHALLENGE

6. For those on the wrong road, repent of what you are DOING, and DO something different! (Psalm 41:13; Isaiah 55:6-7; Jeremiah 26:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 3:8; Acts 3:19)
7. For those on the right road, CLING TIGHTLY to what you have in Christ! (1 Chronicles 16:11; Romans 5:3-5; Philippians 3:13-14; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 3:14, 12:2; James 1:2-4)

### The CONSEQUENCE

8. For those on the wrong road, great AFFLICTION (even death) can come as a result of sin. (Acts 5:1-10; 1 John 5:16; 1 Corinthians 11:28-32; Proverbs 10:17, 13:1, 15:10; Hebrews 12:10-11; Luke 13:3; Deuteronomy 8:5-6; Romans 2:4-5; Romans 2:6-8; Matthew 16:27)
9. For those on the right road, they will be given AUTHORITY to rule and the gift of being in the eternal presence of JESUS.



## ***Taking it further to help you THRIVE...***

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What is the significance of Jesus' introduction as the One who has eyes like a flame and feet like burnished bronze?
3. How is life today (with its temptations and pressures) similar to being a tradesman in Thyatira facing the pressure of the guilds?
4. Why did John call the woman Jezebel? How did Old Testament Jezebel influence the people? What are the similarities between the OT Jezebel (book of 1 Kings) and this Jezebel? What should the church of Thyatira have done regarding this false teacher?
5. When is tolerance good? When is it bad? How has tolerance corrupted the Body of Christ?
6. What happens when a church 'weakens' the Word of God for what they think would be tolerable and better received in an attempt to attract more people?