

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
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Worship in Giving

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Work

Revelation 2:18-29

Listen Series

Life Change: We do Jesus' works.

Those who worked hard while I was gone got an A.

Jesus speaks to the Thyatiran church.

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The depiction of Christ is awesome!

Thyatira is all business.

Every craftsman and trader naturally belonged to his appropriate guild. The [festivals] of these societies included a common meal, dedicated to a pagan deity, and frequently ended in sheer debauchery and licentiousness. The embarrassment for Christians was obvious. How could they join in such social occasions and maintain... conscience unsullied? – G.R. Beasley-Murray, *The Book of Revelation*

Jesus encourages the church.

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Jesus rebukes the church.

20-23

Jezebel is leading Christians into sin.

She doesn't want to repent.

Repentance is all about tearing down the idols of our hearts, destroying them completely. We do that when we take our hearts away from the idols that have possessed them, and we give our hearts back to God. This has been one of the most helpful realizations in my own Christian life. For a long time, I looked at repentance in almost exclusively behavioral terms. I saw it as a 180-degree change in my outward actions. But, all the while, I gave little attention to the desires of my heart. More recently, I have come to see that genuine repentance must focus on the heart. It must begin with changing my heart's desires. I must take my affections away from whatever substitute gods I have been serving and fix them again on Christ. I must tear down every new idol of my heart, destroying it completely, and give my heart to Christ again "promptly and sincerely," as Calvin said so long ago. This is the daily struggle of the Christian life.

– Guy Richard

The judgment is physical and serious.

To be rewarded, keep Jesus' works.

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