TEXT: Revelation 2:18-29



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- <u>Serve Rocky Mount</u> Jesus loves Rocky Mount and so do we! We are setting aside an entire week on May 16th - 22nd with over 10 projects for our annual Serve Rocky Mount event to show the love of Jesus to our city. Go to ServeRockyMount.com now for more info and to sign up for some projects. The first 100 people get a free shirt!
- <u>May 23rd</u> We will increase our seating capacity (to pre-pandemic levels) and return to two services at 8:30 & 10:15. We will no longer require RSVPs. You will be able to attend a service on May 23rd without having to RSVP. Through June 6th, we will reserve a handful of socially distanced seating areas in the 8:30 AM service only. These seats will need to be reserved in advance (through our website) and will be very limited.

BIG IDEA: The Church Must Be Holy

Prayer: Stephen Weeks - Redemption City Church - Philidelphia

Revelation 2:18-19

- Thyatira was known as a merchant city(known for its marketplaces)
- Jesus starts this address to the church by stating He is the "Son of God."

What is the significance of Jesus declaring first that He is "The Son of God?"

Revelation 2:20-21

- A figurative Jezebel was leading people away from God and into idolatry by claiming to have special insight from God.
- She was teaching perversion in the church and people were following her.

Who is Jezebel? How is tolerance defined by our culture?

Revelation 2:21-23

- Jezebel's children(disciples) will be struck dead.
- Jezebel is luring people into bed with her and her bed would be her demise.
- When we take the good gifts of God and use them to replace God, then God's good gifts will turn into our judgment.

Who are Jezebel's children? What is she leading these people to do? What are false teachings in your life you tend to believe? Where do they take you? What is ultimately the result for you?

Revelation 2:24-25

• Jesus tells the people who are not following Jezebel to hold on.

How can you hold onto the gospel when false teaching arises in your life?

Revelation 2:26-29

- This passage shows us that we will rule and reign with Christ.
- We should repent of the false teaching we believe or have believed and instead believe the gospel.

How can you repent of the false teachings you have believed and believe the gospel? How will life look differently because of that?