

Dear Church, Thyatira: Do Not Tolerate

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: The Church is the point. God rules in relation to His people, as the Church is the centerpiece of what God is doing in our world. In these pivotal times, it is imperative that God's People understand what Jesus is saying, and relentlessly pursue a life of joyful obedience. Dear Church, Jesus is speaking.

The Church is the Point

Jesus is speaking to His Church Are we listening? Will we obey?

Revelation 2:18-29 (ESV)

Who is Jezebel?

- A woman.
- Likely 'in same spirit' as Jezebel from The Old Testament.
- Prophesying/teaching heresy.
- Intentionally causing compromise, corruption, and division.
- Un<u>repentant.</u>

Your sexuality is a gift to be <u>stewarded</u>, not a drive to be <u>satisfied</u>.

Why We Tolerate Sin:

- We're not <u>following</u> Jesus.

- We're not seeking the truth.

- We're tired.

- We're busy/distracted.

- We're intimidated.

- We're overwhelmed.

- We're wounded.

- We're prone to wander.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** How are you doing at cultivating a relationship with Jesus where you can hear Him and obey Him?
- **3)** Has sexual immorality (yours, or others') impacted your relationship with God? If so, how have you grown to a healthy understanding of sexuality, and what helped you do so?
- **4)** Have you been affected by others who have tolerated sin in their lives? Have you tolerated sin in your own life and suffered as a result? Explain.
- **5)** Of the eight reasons why we tolerate sin, which ones most resonate with your past? How about your present? Have you invited Jesus into these areas?