

Revelation Chapter 2

10/30:

1. Jesus praised the loving service and enduring faith of the church in Thyatira but rebuked its acceptance of a so-called prophetess who was “seducing” his servants. What is the difference between Christ-pleasing love and Christ-offending tolerance?
2. Does the patience of God mean that he overlooks or does not care about sin in his church?
3. Why is the gift of “the morning star” better than the gift of ruling nations with a rod of iron?
4. Read Luke 10:17-20. What is a better reason to rejoice than having power to cast out demons in Jesus’ name?
5. How can each of us develop a heart that treasures our relationship to Christ and our identity in Christ as our deepest wellspring of joy?

Answers:

1. Answers will vary but should include that we are to speak the truth and hold fast to the teachings of Scripture while acting in a kind and loving way toward others.
2. The Bible often talks of God as the husband of his people. He is a jealous husband, who refuses to share his bride with other lovers. We must not mistake his patience for a tolerance that ignores and overlooks unfaithfulness or rebellion.
3. Christ’s greatest gift to those who cling to him in faith, ignoring all his rivals, is nothing less than - himself!
4. We should rejoice that our names are written in heaven.
5. Answers will vary