THE CHURCH OF THYATIRA

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The Church At Thyatira – The Tolerant Church

- (Ephesians 6:10). "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might"
- Don't *Tolerate* What God Has Told Us To *Eliminate*

• Revelation 2:18–29 (NIV) — 18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. 20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling

Revelation 2:18–29 (NIV) — 22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. 24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, 25 except to hold on to what you have until I come.' 26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—27 that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give that one the morning star. 29 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

1. THE CITY & CHURCH

• Thyatira Was The First Line Of Defense

- A Working-class City
- Well known for their beautiful purple dye made there. It was extremely expensive and well regarded among the rich.

2. CHRIST: THE CREATOR OF THE LETTER—2:18

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3. THE CIRCUMSTANCES & COMMENDATION—2:19

• Revelation 2:19 (NIV) 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first

4. THE CONDEMNATION—2:20-24

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Jezebel a Philistine queen – married to Israel's king

 Considered to be the most evil, insidious, and heavyhanded woman who ever lived

The tragedy of Jezebel is that she was committed to evil rather than to God

• This spirit that is behind Jezebel which has infected the church in Thyatira the problem is they are tolerating her

5. THE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION REQUIRED—2:25

• Revelation 2:25 (NIV) 25 Only hold on to what you have until I come.

6. THE CONFIRMATION TO OVERCOMERS—2:26-29

- Revelation 2:26-29 (NIV) 26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations-- 27 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'-- just as I have received authority from my Father. 28 I will also give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
- Christians Who Are Victors To The End Will Rule And Reign With Him In The Millennium

- GOD DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY EXPEL THESE SPIRITS
- Why? Because he's given us the authority to do that ourselves
- Luke 10:19 (NIV) 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
- We come against it in the name of Jesus
- We continue to battle until the Jezebel spirit breaks

When we don't give in to Jezebel but overcome her in Jesus' name

- He says "I will give you authority over the nations"
- The future reign of Christ will be shared with those who remain faithful and don't give in to evil but overcome it
- Jesus Christ the Morning Star is going to burst onto the scene. His light bringing clarity to truth and exposing evil!