

Thyatira the Adulterous Church

Rev 2: 18-29

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- We are now coming to the 4th letter written to the churches which is the letter to Thyatira
 - We first hear of this city in Acts 16: 14....
 - This passage tells of Lydia who was “seller of purple” known as (Turkey red)
- This letter while written to a specific church has lessons to be learned for all churches
 - I have titled this message based on Vs 22...”and those who commit adultery with her”
 - There are a number of things peculiar in this letter

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- First....the author is called...
 - “The Son of God”
 - This is the only time in the Book of Revelation where this title is used (Rev 1: 13...like the son of man)
- Secondly....the use of the word “works or deeds”
 - Vs 19....”I know your deeds”
 - Used twice in this verse again in Vs 22&23
- Third....the use of “reigns and hearts” (KJV)
 - Vs 23...all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts (KJV)

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- “The Son of God”
 - This title is to show this church who is in charge
 - Col 1: 15-19
 - He is the authority/head of the true church
 - The only way to approach Him is through faith in His finished work on the cross
 - Gal 6: 14...”But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”
 - Rom 14: 23b.... “for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.”

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- What this church did was exchange the truth of the cross for a works-based salvation
- Here is an important lesson for all of us
 - The “eyes like a flame of fire” view every aspect of faith in our lives
 - Is my faith based on Christ alone to save
 - Or is it based on what I am doing, will do or have done?
 - In other words, do I trust in anything else but the cross and Him crucified?

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- These “eyes of fire” are eyes of judgment upon all so-called faith that is not exclusively in Christ!!
 - Hebrews 12: 4-17
- Rev 2: 19.....three things are listed
 - “I know your deeds and your love and faith and service and perseverance.”
 - Note the progression....
 - He mentions “deeds “ twice....
 - Because it has become the measurement of this church
 - Your deeds of late are greater than at first
 - There is a growing dependence on “good deeds/works”

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- Unfortunately, many Christians today base their position in Christ based on their deeds
- He now goes into another situation which is called “Jezebel”
 - Gal 1: 8-9...But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
 - She calls herself a “prophetess”
 - This system is always trying to find some “new revelation”
 - Trying to teach something that is not Biblical

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- One thing that has been taught quite recently is that Jesus not only died physically but He also died “spiritually” ...like Adam.
 - To do this, Jesus had to take unto Himself a “sin nature”
 - This means that He became a “sinner” and then suffered Hell for us.
- Question.....
 - If Jesus did not live a sinless life, how could He pay the penalty of our sins on the Cross?
 - I Peter 3: 18.... For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
 - Hebrews 10: 10-14

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- Vs 21....I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to.
 - This system knows it is not teaching Biblical truth
 - But it would rather send men to Hell than to change what it teaches
- Vs 23..."all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts(KJV)
 - This phrase is used 6 times in the O.T.
 - Psa 7:9; 26:2; 73: 21; Jer 11: 20; 17: 10; 20: 12
 - NAS..."all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts;"

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- Vs 23....this is the 7th time in all the Word
 - This tells us that His searching is total and complete
- What is our lesson today? What is the point?
 - First....repentance means repentance from anything we think will give us standing with God
 - Second....keep your eyes on the Cross of Calvary
 - Third....There is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved.