



WEEK 4

1. What was your favorite subject to study in school? What was your least?
2. Read **Rev. 2:18**. Compare this description of Christ with **Daniel 3:8-30**. What similarities are there? How is the context of Daniel 3 and the witnessing church similar? Putting it all together, what are we being told about Christ in verse 18?
3. **Read verse 19**. What is the church at Thyatira commended for? What does 'how your latter works exceed the first' mean? Hint: Compare this to the church in Ephesus in **Revelation 2:5**. So what is the main difference between the Ephesian church and the 'Thyatirian' church?
4. Read **1 Kings 21** in order to understand the reference to Jezebel. Why does Christ refer to the woman in Revelation 2:20 as Jezebel? Jesus attempted to discipline Jezebel by giving clear time for her to repent, he also gave the Church time to discipline her yet they didn't. Read **Heb. 12:8-11**, why does God discipline us in our daily lives, what is his purpose?
5. What does it mean to **hold fast** (Rev. 2:25)? Dan said holding fast today means "majoring on the majors" what are some of the key teachings of the church that you believe must be taught, re-taught, and essential to faith? What resources could you use to reinforce the areas where you need to hold fast?
6. **Read Rev. 2:19**. What did Jesus affirm Thyatira for in the first part of the verse? Why do you think these specific areas were important to Jesus? Jesus also affirmed in v 19 that the church kept growing. Why is it important that we keep growing in our faith? Read **1 Thess. 5:23-24**. Looking again at Jesus' commendation in Rev. 2:19 give an example of one area where Jesus has helped you grow (hint: works, love, faith, service, or patience endurance).

Hold fast...keep growing.